

Walter Scott Wines

Eola-Amity Hills



The Whites

X Novo Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Citrusy and mineral aromas, almost saline, with a lemon, green apple and apricot fruit character and plenty of depth. The acidity is vibrant and fresh, and the texture racy and very fine. Ken Pahlow is producing some of the most Chablis-like wines in the US—there's no fat here, but concentration and structure provide a marvelous length. 2020-2030

96 pts- Charles Curtis, Decanter, August 5, 2020

The following has also reviewed this wine:

95 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, September 2020

Freedom Hill Vineyard Chardonnay, Willamette Valley 2018

Vivid straw-yellow. Incisive, mineral-accented citrus and orchard fruits on the assertively perfumed nose, along with hints of succulent flowers, oyster shell and buttered toast. Lush and creamy but focused as well, offering concentrated, mineral-driven pear, Meyer lemon and peach melba flavors and a touch of bitter quinine. Turns firmer on the sharply detailed, impressively long finish, which repeats the citrus and mineral notes and leaves a honeysuckle flourish behind. 40% new oak.

94 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, September 2020

Seven Springs Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Pale yellow-gold. Fresh honeydew melon, Meyer lemon, pear nectar, oyster shell and toasted brioche on the deeply perfumed, mineral-driven nose. Juicy and expressive on the palate, offering densely packed yet energetic citrus and orchard fruit and sweet butter flavors plus a nervy suggestion of gingery spices. Shows impressive energy and mineral drive on the strikingly long, focused finish, which features a suave floral quality and resonating smokiness. Like all of the Walter Scott Chardonnays, this wine is not at all about fruit, in the best sense. 40% new oak.

95 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, September 2020

“Cuvée Anne” Chardonnay, Willamette Valley 2018

Brilliant straw-gold. Displays aromas of fresh citrus and orchard fruits that are complicated by building mineral, quinine and chamolime accents. Weighty but lively as well, offering vibrant Angou pear, orange pith and nectarine flavors that slowly unfold through the mid-palate. Shows fine definition and mineral lift on the persistent finish, which features lingering honeysuckle and salty brine notes. There's 40% new oak but you'd never know it.

92 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, September 2020

“La Combe Verte” Chardonnay, Willamette Valley 2018

Translucent yellow-gold. An expressive bouquet evokes fresh melon, pear nectar, tangerine, pungent flowers and smoky lees, and a building mineral nuance adds urgency. Sappy, well-concentrated orchard and citrus fruit flavors pick up a deeper nectarine element with aeration. Combines power and liveliness with a steady hand and closes very long and smooth, displaying lingering mineral and honeysuckle qualities.

92 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, September 2020

The Reds

Seven Springs Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Saturated scarlet. Spice-tinged black raspberry and cherry aromas are complicated by suggestions of cola, incense, potpourri and smoky minerals. Sweet and expansive in the mouth, offering concentrated dark berry, cherry preserve and spicecake flavors and suggestions of rose pastille and mocha that build through the midpalate. Concentrated but also energetic in style, delivering powerful finishing thrust, well-judged tannins and impressive, floral-driven persistence. 35% new oak.

94 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020

Sojeau Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Vivid ruby-red. Powerful red berry liqueur, potpourri, spicecake and incense aromas show outstanding clarity, and a smoky mineral nuance builds in the glass. Concentrated yet lively black raspberry, bitter cherry, mocha and floral pastille flavors turn sweeter as the wine opens up. Gains weight with air and finishes bright, gently tannic and extremely long, delivering resonating spice and floral notes. This vineyard was formerly called "Sojourner." 35% new oak.

94 pts- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020

Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Glistening magenta. Highly perfumed boysenberry, cherry liqueur, musky earth and floral scents are energized by a smoky mineral quality. Sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering concentrated red and blue fruit preserve, spicecake and licorice flavors that become livelier on the back half. Velvety tannins lend shape to an impressively long, juicy finish that repeats the floral and spice notes. 35% new oak.

93 pts- Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020

Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Translucent yellow-gold. An expressive bouquet evokes fresh melon, pear nectar, tangerine, pungent flowers and smoky lees, and a building mineral nuance adds urgency. Sappy, well-concentrated orchard and citrus fruit flavors pick up a deeper nectarine element with aeration. Combines power and liveliness with a steady hand and closes very long and smooth, displaying lingering mineral and honeysuckle qualities. Limpid ruby-red. Ripe, spice-tinged red fruits, incense and a hint of candied rose on the assertively perfumed nose, along with a vibrant mineral quality. Silky and precise on the palate, offering alluringly sweet cherry and raspberry liqueur flavors and an exotic suggestion of five-spice powder. Becomes deeper with air, with no loss of energy. Finishes extremely long, with powerful mineral thrust, fine-grained tannins and a resonating floral pastille note. 40% new oak.

93 pts- Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020

X Novo Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Deep, vivid red. Spice-and mineral-driven raspberry and cherry aromas show excellent clarity and take on a sexy floral quality as the wine opens up. Concentrated yet lithe, offering juicy red fruit, floral pastille and spicecake flavors that show sharp definition and back-end lift. Finishes with impressive, spice-driven tenacity, leaving candied rose and red berry notes behind. 40% new oak.

93 pts- Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020

Justice Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2018

Shimmering ruby-red. Spicy, smoke-tinged cherry and boysenberry scents are complemented by a suave floral topnote. Pliant red and blue fruit preserve and floral pastille flavors show very good depth, lifted by a spicy element that builds in the glass. Sappy, round and appealingly sweet on the impressively long, berry-tinged finish, which is framed by supple, well-knit tannins.

93 pts- Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020

La Combe Verte Vineyard Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2018

Dark garnet. Spice-accented cherry and black raspberry aromas pick up succulent herb and floral nuances with air. Juicy and focused on the palate, La Combe Verte offers bitter cherry and red berry flavors that unfurl and take a sweeter turn with air. Dusty tannins build slowly on a long, spice-tinged finish that leaves cherry and candied licorice notes behind.

92 pts- Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020

“Cuvée Ruth” Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2018

Dark, bright-hued red. Intensely perfumed, mineral-accented red berry and cherry scents are complemented by suggestions of star anise and candied flowers. Silky and appealingly sweet, offering sappy raspberry, cherry and rose pastille flavors energized by a smoky mineral quality. Shows excellent clarity and spicy cut on the persistent finish, which is framed by subtle, even tannins. 40% new oak.

92 pts- Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, August 2020