

Goodfellow Family Cellars

Willamette Valley



Heritage No. 19 Whistling Ridge Pinot Noir 2021

The 2021 Pinot Noir Heritage No. 19 Whistling Ridge tempts the imagination with a dramatic bouquet of underbrush, incense and exotic spice, giving way to dusty rose and dried black cherries. This enters surprisingly juicy and fresh, with lifted textures as a wave of tart wild berries and blood orange drenches the palate in youthful tension. A core of vibrant acidity maintains balance as tactile mineral tones join with polished tannins through the long and licorice-tinged finale. The 2021 Heritage No 19 is stunning, yet also begging for a long stay in a cold cellar. This was refined in 50% new wood, yet the integration is perfect.

96 pts, Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

Whistling Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir, Ribbon Ridge 2021

The 2021 Pinot Noir Whistling Ridge is spicy and savory in the glass, leading with a rich blend of steeped plums, cola and rose petals giving way to hints of clove. This is lifted and finessed with pretty red berries and suggestions of cocoa and inner florals, all guided by fresh acidity. The 2021 tapers off with medium length and a crunchy sensation, leaving just a tinge of fine tannin framing the experience beautifully. Of note, the Whistling Ridge took three hours to blossom, and it was worth the wait.

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Durant Vineyard Pinot Noir, Dundee Hills 2021

The 2021 Pinot Noir Durant is perfumed and darkly alluring, enticing the senses with dusty dried flowers, incense and red plum. It's round and soothing on the palate, with concentration framed by sweet tannins as hints of licorice fade. The Durant possesses a lovely balance of complexity, energy and structure. It's a pleasure to taste. There's no use of new oak here, and it was fermented 100% whole clusters, lending a beautiful savoriness.

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Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

This remarkably pretty 2021 Pinot Noir Temperance Hill slowly evolves in the glass, wafting up with a bouquet of dried strawberries, cedar, crushed stone, and dusty rose. This is silky smooth with medium-bodied weight and crisp red fruits cascading across a core of brisk acidity. Tactile mineral tones mingle with a gentle layer of fine tannins as the 2021 finishes a spicy citrus twang, long and staining yet still remarkably fresh. 100% whole clusters.

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Heritage No. 18 Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

Dusty and floral, the 2021 Pinot Noir Heritage No. 18 Temperance Hill keeps the taster coming back to the glass again and again to take in its bouquet, blending cedar shavings with wilted violets, dried blueberries, and hints of cola. Silky and soothing, this floods the palate with ripe red fruits and saline mineral tones complicated by inner rose and touches of sour citrus. The long and dramatic finish takes on a spicy character, leaving crunchy tannins and a tart wild berry twang that puckers the cheeks. Marcus Goodfellow explained that he seeks an easy ten to fifteen years of positive maturity from the Heritage wines, and I am confident this will reach that mark.

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Chardonnay Psycho Killer, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Psycho Killer blossoms in the glass with a display of contrasts: ripe peaches and nectarines complicated by sesame seeds, curry leaf and crushed stone. This easily sweeps across the palate, ushering in a saline blend of pit fruits and lemon zest. It finishes long and full of tension as a reverberation of brisk acidity pinches at the cheeks, and a sensation of liquid rock and flint mixes with a salty flourish. Wow! This is a formidable Oregon Chardonnay that is deeply complex and loaded with character yet wonderfully balanced.

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Chardonnay Temperance Hill, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Temperance Hill is intense, with a burst of flinty crushed stone, incense and savory herbs giving way to ginger-spiked yellow apples. This is round and soothing, showing its minerality up front, as a wave of ripe orchard fruits is complicated by a white pepper tinge. This was refined in 50% new oak, adding a lovely depth to the palate. Juicy acidity maintains balance as the 2021 leaves a tart lemon rind twang and hints of sour melon lingering throughout the lightly structured finale. While youthfully tense, time will unfurl the 2021 Temperance Hill's depths of complexity.

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Chardonnay Richard's Cuvée, Ribbon Ridge 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Richard's Cuvée is delicate and understated in the glass, slowly evolving with a bouquet of mint-laced nectarine and wet stone. This is soothingly round and elegant in feel, with admirable weight and a balancing core of brisk acuity as mineral-drenched orchard fruits cascade throughout. It finishes long and spicy, lightly structured, leaving hints of lemon zest to complicate nectarine and a salty tinge that lingers on.

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Chardonnay Tsai Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Tsai Vineyard opens in the glass with a delicate blend of white flowers, spice and crushed yellow apples. It's softly textured with brisk acidity and a cascade of mineral-tinged orchard fruits. This finishes savory and long, leaving hints of sour melon and a lingering tactile mineral sensation. The Tsai Vineyard Chardonnay gains in volume and depth the longer it sits in the glass.

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Whistling Ridge Pinot Gris, Ribbon Ridge 2021

The 2021 Pinot Gris Whistling Ridge is distinctly savory with a blend of crushed green apples, lemon rinds, rosemary and sage. This is soothingly round, with depths of citrus tinged orchard fruits and minerals giving way to sour melon, all across a stream of brisk acidity. The 2021 finishes spicy, with admirable length, all under an air of exotic inner florals, leaving the mouth watering for more. Quite distinct and impossible to ignore, the Pinot Gris refines for one year in used 820 liter Acacia puncheons.

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Whistling Ridge Blanc, Ribbon Ridge 2021

The 2021 Blanc Whistling Ridge is a total pleasure on the nose, wafting up with a delicate blend of tropical citrus and florals, giving way to young peach, fennel and hints of mint. This is racy and sleek with a savory, nearly salty blend of white pit fruits and touches of lime guided by brisk acidity. It tapers off long and full of zesty tension, leaving a pleasantly bitter tinge and slowly fading suggestions of apricot. While already showing beautifully, I wouldn't be surprised if this improves in bottle over the next year or more. This is a blend of 54% Riesling, 20% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Blanc and 6% Gewurztraminer.

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