

ILLAHE VINEYARDS

1899 ESTATE PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY



100% Pinot Noir. Made without the use of modern winemaking equipment or electricity to create a new-world wine with a true sense of place unaltered by technology. Aromas of burnt caramel, dried red fruits, blackberry jam, chocolate & brioche with floral notes and earthy undertones. The fruit flavors continue on the palate, with dried dates, minerality, leather, sandalwood and structure that will help this wine age for at least 10+ years. Medium-bodied with a lively acidity and fine tannins. The finish is long and satisfying, with a touch of oak that adds a beautiful layer of complexity to the wine.

The grapes for this wine were picked by hand and brought up to the winery by horse. Once at the winery, the grapes were destemmed by hand and placed into wooden fermenters. The must was fermented on native yeasts, after which it was pressed by hand in a wooden basket press, bicycle-pumped into barrel, and underwent malolactic fermentation without inoculation. Bottled with a gravity filler, corked by hand with manually applied labels and wax.

The 1899 never touched dry ice, canned nitrogen, enzymes, stainless steel, forklifts, commercial yeast, electric pumps or filters. Every year this wine is brought to the Willamette river by stagecoach or bicycle from the winery, and canoed 90 miles to Portland to their Oregon distributor's warehouse.

ILLAHE, pronounced Ill-Uh-Hee, is a local Chinook word meaning “earth” or “place” or “soil.” According to the winemakers: *“At Illahe, our goal is to make wine as naturally as possible from soil to bottle. We work by hand on small lots with age-old techniques and materials. Our focus is to grow and make quality Pinot Noir and white wines that express the vintage and their varietal characteristics. We don't use enzymes or additives. Some of our wines are made entirely by hand, with no electricity or modern mechanization. We use a gentle wooden basket press and age our Pinot Noir in French and Oregon oak.”*

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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