

# International WINE REPORT



## 94 Points

### Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 'L'Ensemble' 2018

A phenomenal blend from the 8 different vineyard sites that is blended together with the most expressive barrels from each location. The wine also ages in ⅓ new French oak for an additional 6 months to give more structure and depth to the wine upon release. A beautiful effort was made with the nose on this wine, as I enjoyed it for several minutes before taking a sip - black cherry, black plum skin, dried herbs, sweet vanilla are all present. Elevated acidity and a medium tannin structure give way to a medium to full bodied wine that is balanced. It finishes tart with meaty savory notes. This should have what it takes to easily age for a decade or more. 1145 cases produced. \$70



## 93 Points

### Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2018

Made from a blend of organic grapes from almost every AVA in the Willamette Valley and brought up in 20% new French oak, the wine displays medium ruby in the glass. Fresh red cherry, black tea, milk chocolate pencil shavings and toasted clove pop on the nose. Wonderful crunchy red fruit and some toasted anise hit the palate along with bountiful acidity and silky tannins to deliver a yummy wine that will age for another decade or more. 626 cases produced. \$65



## 97 Points

### Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 'Own Rooted' 2018

Ungrafted, old-vines that are at least 30 years old deliver the heavenly fruit for this Pinot Noir, which is the best I've ever tasted from the estate. Wild strawberry, black cherry, Early gray tea, graphite, dried lavender, toasted white chocolate, and some almost Syrah-like meaty and olive components. Wonderfully complex on the nose, the palate is just as interesting with added components of macerated huckleberry and sandalwood flavors. The acidity and tannins are perfectly balanced and the wine dances over the tongue and finishes savory with a black-fruit and earthy ending. Drink now with a heavy decant or enjoy over the next 15 years or more. Only 270 cases produced. Highly recommended. \$90



## 95 Points

### Pinot Noir, Yamhill-Carlton 'Bishop Creek' 2018

A large majority of the fruit comes from ungrafted vines that were planted over 30 years ago and are framed completely organic and biodynamic. The 2018 Bishop's Creek rests on 50% new French oak that very much compliments the wine's luscious fruit flavors and doesn't overpower. The Bishop's Creek Pinot Noir always delivers, think aromas of crushed wild blackberry, white cracked peppercorn, dried lavender, toasted almonds and sweet baking spices. The palate presents gorgeous red and dark fruit flavors with added components of black raspberry, green olive and brown mushroom. The wine is balanced, luscious, and delicious. Only 290 cases made. Highly recommended. \$100



## 94 Points

### Chardonnay, Yamhill-Carlton 'Bishop Creek' 2019

Organically farmed on vines that are almost 30 years old, this Burgundian-style Chardonnay sees 20% new French oak, which gives it wonderful aromatics and body. Flinty notes are present alongside orange creamsicle, green apple, lemon zest, and wet stones. The palate is much richer than the nose with notes of ripe yellow apple, white nectarine, flint, cinnamon stick and just a hint of buttered croissant. Racy acidity and a medium to full body complete this delicious Chardonnay. Only 93 cases produced. \$70