

Brittan Vineyards

2018 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

Winemaker Robert Brittan, a wine industry veteran with the experience of over 45 harvests, has always had a passion for Pinot noir; a love affair that began in the 1980's when he made several vintages under his Britt Hill label with fruit from Carneros. In 2004, Robert decided to leave Stags' Leap Winery in Napa and start a Pinot noir project in the cool climate of the northern Willamette Valley.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Brittan Estate Vineyard lies just 12 miles southwest of McMinnville, tucked into the foothills of the Coast Range. The original 18 acres were planted in 2001, but due to the challenging nature of this site and limited topsoil, only eight acres survived. Since 2004 when Robert and Ellen purchased the vineyard, it has been an ongoing rehabilitation project: replanting, retraining, and learning the unique landscape that has become Brittan Vineyard.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage started cool and wet in February and March, which led to a more "normal" budbreak in April. The season quickly accelerated and was warm and dry beginning in May. Summer brought very warm, dry weather through August, which put pressure on the vines and produced fruit of great depth and concentration. September was dry but more moderate and allowed the fruit to reach full maturity by the end of the month.

TASTING NOTES

A true expression of vintage and site, the 2018 Estate Pinot noir showcases notes of red currant, red plum, cherry and pomegranate which are accented with hints of five-spice, anise and tobacco. A lovely vein of salinity runs through the palate which finishes with the power and richness indicative of the 2018 vintage.

AVA: McMinnville

VINEYARD: Brittan Vineyard

CASES PRODUCED: 693 cases

SELECTIONS: Pommard, 777, 667, Swan, 115

ELEVAGE: 12 months in French oak, 15% new

DATE BOTTLED: December 11, 2019

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

SRP: \$45/ 750 mL

