The Eyrie Vineyards

United States - Oregon - McMinnville / Willamette Valley



PINOT NOIR DAPHNE DUNDEE HILLS

100% Pinot Noir

Production area: the hills of Dundee, in the Daphne vineyard, situated at 860 feet
Terrain: collinare, molto superficiale, spessore medio inferiore a 10 pollici sopra grandi massi
Harvest: manual
Vinification: with indigenous yeasts, fermentation in open vats for 11 hours, manual punching down twice a day, complete indigenous malolactic fermentation
Refinement: 23 months in barrels (12% new)
Color: deep red
Fragrance: notes of grassy fruit and stone
Flavor: refreshing
Alcoholic Grade: 13% vol

Ownership/Founders Diana and Jason Lett / David and Diana Lett
Start of Activity 1965
Vitiviniculture Certified Organic
Hectares 28
Bottles produced 130.000



It was early 1965 when David Lett, just 25 years old, moved to Oregon with 3,000 rootstocks: he was determined to prove that Pinot Noir could be successfully grown outside Burgundy. Thus was born the first Pinot Noir vineyard in Oregon and the first Pinot Grigio vineyard in America! In 1966, together with his wife Diana, he purchased in the Dundee Hills, 50 km from Portland, an iron-laden clay soil overlaid with a deep layer of rounded, eroded basalt pebbles. This combination gives The Eyrie's soils special properties: the structure allows the valley's constant winter rains to drain away easily, but in Oregon's very dry summers, the subterranean pebbles retain enough water in their cracks and crevices to support the vines without the need for irrigation. In 1970 David and Diana bottled their first wine. It was in 1975, however, that Eyrie Vineyards made headlines, when it entered two major competitions in France, making Oregon wine known to the world. Since 2005, Jason Lett has been running the company, combining the spirit of innovation with respect for tradition. Agriculture and organically certified wines, 4 different vineyards Sisters, The Eyrie, Outcrop, Roland Green, consecrate Eyrie as one of the major wine interpreters in Oregon and the United States.