

2018 Élevée Winegrowers

Élevée Vineyard Pinot noir

Graceful, Ethereal and Elegantly Composed



THE PEOPLE

UC Davis educated, Burgundy trained Winegrower, Tom, and wife France, began their journey in 2002 with Hunter's Wines in New Zealand, Pine Ridge Winery in Napa Valley, and Domaine Hubert Lignier in Morey-St-Denis. They arrived in Oregon in 2007, when Tom became the Associate Winemaker with Hamacher and then Winemaker/GM with Alloro Vineyard.

THE VINEYARD

Our vision became a reality in 2008 when we purchased a special, high-density (3,000 vpa) vineyard in the Dundee Hills from Archery Summit's Gary Andrus. Planted in 1998 and located on a south-facing slope at 540ft, we named this 4 acres of volcanic soil Élevée Vineyard.

THE VINTAGE

2016 began with an early Budbreak (4/6) and then brought an early Bloom (5/21). Warm and dry conditions persisted through August delivering another early harvest (9/10). Although ripening shifted to the warmest time of year, our site's density, combined with early vineyard decisions, tempered these conditions.

PHILOSOPHY

We are Winegrowers... we believe a wine is equally shaped by one's growing and winemaking choices. Our primary focus is capturing 'purity of flavor', allowing each wine to express the unique personality of each site and distinct influence of vintage.

TASTING NOTE

This wine reveals raspberries, violets, sweet tobacco, black tea, and powdered perfume, with hints of baking spices, around a mineral core. This is a medium body wine, with lively acidity, and broad, fine, silky tannin. The long finish lingers with a chorus of raspberries, fading violet petals, and Dundee dust.

ACCOLADES

93pts Wine Enthusiast; 92pts Wine Spectator;
92 pts Suckling

- APPELLATION: Dundee Hills AVA
100% Élevée Estate Single Vineyard
LIVE & IOBC Certified Sustainable
- TOPOGRAPHY: 490 - 540ft elevation, South Aspect
- SOIL: Jory Series (Volcanic)
- CLONES: 43%-777, 43%-115, 14%-Pommard
- HARVEST: September
- ELEVAGE: Meticulously Sorted & Destemmed
10 day cold soak, Native Inoculum
11 months in French Oak, 36% New
- CELLARING: Drink now through 2029
- PRODUCTION: 275 cases
- ALCOHOL: 13.8%
- WINEGROWER: Tom Fitzpatrick
- PROPRIETORS: Tom & France Fitzpatrick