

2018 Athena Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

Harvest Dates: Sept. 16th – Sept. 21st, 2018
Bottled: July 2021
Yield: 2t/acre
Production: 500 cases

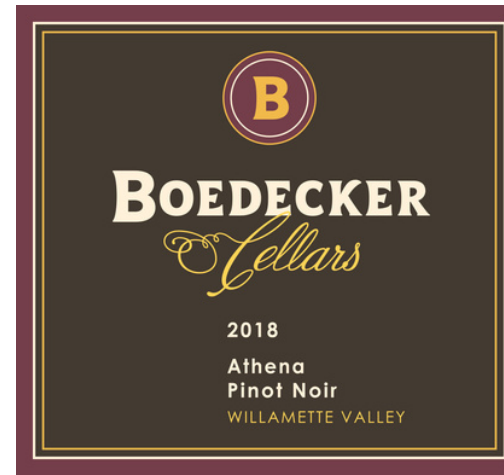
The Vineyards

Cherry Grove Vineyard, Willamette Valley. Tualatin Hills AVA. Melbourne series soil: marine sedimentary over degraded sandstone; 250 –300' south facing; planted 2000. LIVE certified. Clones: 114, 667.

Hirschy Vineyard, Yamhill – Carlton. Marine sedimentary soils, various elevation and aspects; 300 – 400'; planted 2007. Sustainable farming practices. Clones: 667, 777, 114.

The methodology

20% whole cluster, 3 – 5 day cold soak, 5 – 7 day primary ferment, 1-2 day post-ferment. 19 month elevage: 10 months sur lie in ~35% new French barrels, then 18 months in 100% neutral barrels.



Reviews

92 pts Jeb Dunnock

“With the majority of its fruit from the Hirschy Vineyard, the 2018 Pinot Noir Athena is dark ruby and takes on a bit more oak spice presence, with toasted cedar, baking spice, and lush black cherry fruit. Full-bodied, with ripe fruit, a dark mineral tone, and a meaty texture, it retains ample tannic structure. Gripping and serious in character, it can stand up to grilled meats.”

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