2018 Boedecker Cellars Pinot Noir Cherry Grove Vineyard

Coming from what is now the Tualatin Hills AVA, on shallow Willakenzie soils, the 2018 Pinot Noir Cherry Grove Vineyard is a dark ruby-red color and offers savory notes of espresso, blackberry fruit, and fresh leather. Medium to full-bodied, its plush primary fruit fills the mid-palate with more sweet tannins, followed by notes of scorched earth on the finish. I enjoy where this is drinking now and it will continue to drink well over the next 6-8 years.

Helmed by husband and wife duo Athena and Stewart Boedecker, this urban winery in Northwest Portland is making some very solid wines indeed, with some impressive longevity, as indicated by the inclusion of two wines in this tasting from 2004. As they overvintage their wines, the 2019s are their current releases. The Athena and Stewart bottlings give each of the partners their own creative freedom to produce two separate wines from the same vintage, tailored to their own tastes, and offer a fun way to explore what the vintage has to offer.

- Audrey Frick (9/17/2023)

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