

# FOUNDERS' RESERVE PINOT NOIR

## **OUR STORY**

Willamette Valley Vineyards was established in 1983 when Oregon native Founder and CEO Jim Bernau planted Pinot Noir in an overgrown pioneer plum orchard in the Salem Hills, watering his vines by hand using 17 lengths of 75' garden hose. He was supported by a dedicated group of wine enthusiasts committed to producing the highest quality Pinot Noirs while being good stewards of the land. As a tribute to these individuals, we have created this special blend of Pinot Noir sourced exclusively from the Willamette Valley.

#### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of black cherry, blackberry, plum and holiday spices. The palate is accented by dark chocolate and toasted oak

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Enjoy with salmon, grilled lamb, roasted pork, chicken marsala, cassoulet or braised pork pappardelle pasta.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Grape Type: Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** Willamette Valley

Fermentation: Small bins

Refer to wine back label for additional tech.

# HISTORY OF SUCCESS

**90 pts.** – Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 2019

91 pts. – James Suckling, 2018

**91 pts. & Gold Medal** – Beverage Tasting Institute, 2017

92 pts. - Wine & Spirits, 2016



