



Wine Tech Notes

2018 Gamay Noir

ESTATE GROWN, COLUMBIA GORGE

370 cases Produced • 14.2% Alc. by vol.

Tasting Notes

This first full production vintage from our 2015 Estate Vineyard planting is truly inspiring. Vibrant with an aromatically dynamic character; beguiling spices are balanced on a lively palate of crunchy red fruits ranging from pomegranate and red ripe gooseberry to black cherry. Stems contribute to some grip and spice characteristics. Light and lively, yet intense and packed with energizing vitality, the black raspberry finish that will entice you to reach for more.



Harvest Notes

Vineyard: 100% Steep Creek Ranch Estate Vineyard

Appellation: Columbia Gorge

Varietal: 100% Gamay Noir

Vineyard

Steep Creek Ranch is our home vineyard. The Gamay Noir grows in the upper block on the hill with a southern slope, above the winery, where we tend the vines with great love and care. The vineyard, as well as all of our property is managed with Biodynamic and Organic philosophy and practice. As a bottled embodiment of our passion for great vineyards, this is only the beginning of what we would like to showcase from our future estate plantings.

Vinification

This fruit was hand harvested from our estate on September 11th, and partially de-stemmed on top of 65% whole clusters into both a Nomblot concrete cube and a stainless fermenter. The fruit was foot trod along with manual punch downs twice per day with native yeast fermentation. Pressing occurred at dryness and the free-run wine was racked back into the 33 HL concrete tank. After 8 months the wine was racked and bottled in June 2019.