

Patrícia Green Cellars

2009 Pinot Noir Estate

Ribbon Ridge Appellation



WINERY:

Patrícia Green Cellars is located in Ribbon Ridge, a small viticultural area in Yamhill County. The 52 acre Estate property is at the heart of the winery that produces Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from some of Oregon's finest vineyard sites. Owners Patrícia Green and Jim Anderson use a combination of attention to detail in their vineyards, (all of which are non-irrigated) practical experience in winemaking and a passion for what they do to create balanced, textured, beautiful, unique and critically acclaimed wines.

OWNERS' COMMENTS:

With 9 vintages behind us on this property we have begun to feel truly comfortable with the demanding management of this particular vineyard, the fruit that comes from it and the resulting styles of wine that we are seeing on a regular basis. The two sets of plantings (1994-1990 and 1997-2001) continue to show enormous distinctions between one another giving us these two unique bottlings. The Estate bottling consists of 11 separate sections of the vineyard that were planted in the 1997-2001 window. The heart and true strength of the wine is Pommard clone which generally makes up around 60-70% of the wine. The density, darkness and tannic structure comes largely from the Dijon 114 and 777 that were planted in 2000 and 2001. The polishing characteristics and beautiful aromatics are lent from the Wadensvil clone that was planted in 1997. This bottling is designed to show off the inherent power that younger vines display in the Ribbon Ridge Appellation.

This wine definitely veers toward the darker, denser and more powerful side of Pinot Noir. Ribbon Ridge Appellation vines when they are young produce succulent, darkly fruited wines in their youth and this is no exception. Because of the combination of clones flavors can range from red raspberry up through black currant and blackberries. Tannins, even at this stage of the games, are dense and give the wine a brooding sort of nature that belies the relative youth of the vines from which it comes. This bottling is going to have a serious sense of pizzazz. The fruit is wonderfully ripe without being out of balance at all. The tannins are large-scale in some instances but, again, they are perfectly within context of the fruit intensity and acidity of the wine. This is large-scale stuff but it is in no way any sort of fruit-bomb. In fact, if anything this might be the most pulled in wine of this line-up due to the structure which pulls the wine in at the back-end of the wine.

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