

# Patrícia Green Cellars

## 2009 Pinot Noir Estate Old Vine

### 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:

The 26 acre Estate vineyard is an amazingly diverse site given its 360 degree hilltop planting, multiple vine ages and clonal differences. This is why we split it into different bottlings based upon specific characteristics. From 5 different blocks with vines of 20, 23, 24 and 26 years of age we created a wine that displays the elegant characteristics of Pinot Noir and Ribbon Ridge. Since we landed here 9 years ago we have been learning more and more about this site and as the vineyard has aged and gotten healthy we have seen the range of characteristics of Pinot it produces greatly expand. Tasting the different blocks out of the Estate vineyard is a fascinating lesson in why Pinot Noir is such an incredible grape. From one site we span the full range from lightly pigmented yet richly textured wines to preternaturally dark and intensely structured wines. Over the course of 140 or so barrels it is quite the experience.

Vintages like 2009 show the amazing diversity of this vineyard. In fact, it was in 2003 (another very warm vintage) that we first divided up the Estate fruit into these two different and distinct bottlings. The older vines here have incredible root depth in our talc-y, sandy soils. These vines are amazingly vigorous and healthy as they have found deep pockets of nutrients, minerals and water that don't exist in our thinner, porous top-soils. While the young vines rely on power the older vines produce amazingly refined, minerally and suave Pinots. The difference in the wines from blocks that have both older and younger plants in them is startling. This bottling is amazingly red-fruited given the blacker nature of the regular Estate bottling. The pigmentation is far lighter and the tannins are finer and smoother throughout the wine. This is a harmonious and drop-dead beautiful bottling of Pinot. The texture is silky yet has a core of supple tannins that suggest long-term cellaring as a possibility. The red raspberry core is infused with a quartz-y sort of minerality to it and the finish is amazingly long. Again, this is a wine based on balance and refinement so even within a warm vintage this makes its mark by being discrete and feminine.

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