

GOLDEN WEST

2018 GOLDEN WEST PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Vintage leather, cedar, anise and wild strawberry begin this opus of luxuriously perfumed Pinot. The body is layered with pipe tobacco, morels and pie crust that come across the palate pure and full. Focused as it journeys to a seamless, endless crescendo. A work needed to be written. THE NEW CLASSIC.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds. Enjoy!

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

93 Points, *James Suckling*

“This is a toned and phenolic pinot with dried strawberry, chocolate and tile character. Earthy. Full-bodied, yet bright and vivid. Punchy and refined at the same time. Plenty going on at the finish. A new wine. Drink now or hold.”

91 Points, *Jeb Dunnock*

“A new project by the team at K Vintners being headed up by Charles Smith and Brennon Leighton, Golden West will focus on Pinot Noir from cooler climate, higher elevation sites in the Columbia Valley. Classic Pinot Noir notes of black cherries, forest floor, autumn leaves, and spice all flow to a beautifully textured, medium-bodied, seamless wine that has present tannins, outstanding balance, and a great finish. It’s easily the best Pinot Noir I’ve tasted from Washington State. Talk about value.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Washington State

Vineyard(s): Golden West Vineyard (100%)

Production: 3.5 tons per acre | Native yeast | 30% whole cluster fermentation | 41 days on skin | 15% new French oak barriques | 12 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 5.5 g/L titratable acidity | 3.83 pH | 13.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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