

# GOLDEN WEST

## GOLDEN WEST THE PROMISE PINOT NOIR 2019

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Complex layers of aroma and flavor. Black raspberry, forest floor, Allspice and velvet theater drapes from the nose. Wild mushroom, limestone, suede and earth engulfs the palate that is full, elegant and precise as a rare Swiss timepiece.



### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### 93 Points, '8 Great Value Washington Reds' (July 2021), *James Suckling*

"Very attractive aromas of sweet and sour fruit with cherries, strawberries and some orange peel. It's medium-bodied with fine, firm tannins and a delicious chocolate and coffee undertone to the fruit at the end... Handmade pinot. Drink now."

#### 90 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"...reveals a medium ruby hue as well as perfumed cherry and raspberry fruits interwoven with notes of flowery incense, baking spices, and dried forest floor. Medium-bodied, nicely textured, and balanced. A terrific Pinot Noir..."

#### 90 Points, *Owen Bargreen-Vinous*

"... Ripe cherry and orange zest combine with smoky undertones on the nose. The palate is soft and fresh with a silky mouthfeel. Layers of pretty red fruits collide with copious minerals and citrus zest on the palate. Enjoy over the next several years."

### VINEYARD

#### Golden West Vineyard (100%)

Golden West is the largest planting of Pinot Noir in the history of Washington state. The vineyard sits on the far western edge of the Frenchman Hills, and is located on the 47th parallel overlooking the Columbia River. A sustainably-farmed single vineyard at nearly 1,600 feet of elevation, Golden West Vineyard is rooted in ancient limestone, sand and volcanic rock: well-drained soil at the same latitude as Pommard; a temperate microclimate moderated by the Columbia River. The land is an untouched jewel. Previously planted to organic peas and beans, the newly planted vineyard now produces the most beautiful expression of the earth: Pinot Noir.

### WINEMAKING

**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** Royal Slope

**Production:** 4.6 tons per acre, native yeast, 30% whole cluster / 70% whole berry fermentation, 36 days on skins | 11 months barrel-aged on lees in 30% new French oak barriques

**Wine Analysis:** 5.5 g/L titratable acidity, 3.84 pH, 13.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745003004



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