

GOLDEN WEST

GOLDEN WEST THE PROMISE PINOT NOIR 2020

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Is this really a new world Pinot Noir?? Mineral notes dominate at first, followed by subtlety, refinement and purity. Black cherry, raspberry, rhubarb, hibiscus, and wet soil flatter the senses until we take a sip and then there is an overdrive of complexity. Crushed rose petals, tarragon, turmeric, spice box, worn leather and crushed rock. What a revelation. What a beauty. The Promise in a glass.



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

92 Points, *James Suckling*

"Aromas of fresh strawberries, crushed herbs and violets. Medium-bodied with nice freshness and transparency. Silky tannins. Earnest and charming stuff. Drink now."

90 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (v2019)

"...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, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen* (v2019)

"... 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: 4.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 70% berry / 30% whole cluster fermentation, 36 days on skins | 11 months aged on lees in 30% new French oak barriques/puncheons

Wine Analysis: 5.5 g/L titratable acidity | 3.82 pH | 13.5% alcohol | no residual sugar

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