

GOLDEN WEST

ABOUT

Under the leadership of winemaker Charles Smith, Golden West was established to continue to complete the story of winemaking in WA State.

Charles began producing wine in 1999 and in the ensuing 20+ years, he has proven that Washington can produce iconic wines made from Rhone varietals, Bordeaux varietals, and aromatic whites that rival their French counterparts. SIXTO started the effort to also make outstanding wines from Burgundian varietals and as France has proven, where Chardonnay grows, so does Pinot Noir.

Golden West fulfills the promise of what Charles originally set out to do: give everyone access to great wine—now Pinot Noir—no matter how much money they have.

The label speaks to the terroir and artisanal truth of the vineyard. Which, as in all things, should be in balance with nature.

Golden West embodies Charles' personal calling that he couldn't ignore. It is proof positive that relentless and careful research, hard work and passion can create a masterpiece.

GOLDEN WEST PINOT NOIR



THE WINE

Complex layers of aromas and flavors: black raspberry, forest floor and spice on the nose. Notes of wild mushroom, limestone and suede on the palate.

APPELLATION:

- Royal Slope

VINEYARD:

- 100% Golden West Vineyard

WINE ANALYSIS:

- 5.5 g/L titratable acidity
- 3.84 pH
- 13.5% alcohol
- No residual sugar

PRODUCTION:

- Native yeast
- 30% whole cluster pressed, 70% whole berry fermentation
- 36 days on skins
- 30% new French oak barriques
- 11 mo barrel-aged on lees

ACCLAIM:

v2020
92 PTS James Suckling

v2019
93 PTS James Suckling

v2019
90 PTS Jeb Dunnuck

v2018
93 PTS James Suckling

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Read more about Golden West in *Wine Spectator's* April 20, 2022 issue.

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PRICING/DISTRIBUTOR INFO

GOLDEN WEST VINEYARD

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.



Aerial view of Golden West Vineyard spanning 349 acres.



CLIMATE

The relatively dry Continental climate with hot summers and cold winters prevents disease pressure on the vineyard.



ORIENTATION

A 22 degree southwest orientation provides even ripening during the warmest summer months.



TEMPERATURE

The Golden West Vineyard is within 1° Fahrenheit of Burgundy during the growing season.

