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Willamette Valley, Oregon

Pinot Noir



OLDSVILLE RESERVE

ALCOHOL 14.0% BY VOLUME

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THE VINEYARDS

- Known for its unmistakable expression of terroir, Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley, Oregon has brought world-class acclaim to this region.
- **Oldsville Reserve** is Fiddlehead Cellars' flagship cuvée of fruit from three extraordinary vineyards in the Willamette Valley. Winemaker **Kathy Joseph** has forged relationships with growers at these three properties where each block is custom farmed to Fiddlehead Cellars' specifications.
- **Elton Vineyards** and **Seven Springs** are located in the **Eola Hills**. Together they contribute the ripe blueberry nuances in this wine and add to the supple expression of its texture.
- **Yamhill Valley Vineyards**, located near McMinnville in the foothills of the Coast Range, is home to Kathy's winemaking operation in Oregon. The fruit from this site is credited for the sweet anise notes in the aromatics and provides the important backbone of this wine.

KATHY'S CORNER

*"Sensory Winemaking" is how I describe my winemaking style, with all decisions based on taste. Grapes are picked at peak flavor maturity, which means tasting on a regular basis as harvest approaches. In 1999, I gambled on waiting to harvest until full flavor maturity was achieved in the vineyard, whereby grapes were hand-picked during the **third week of October**. It was a miracle that it had not yet rained in the North Willamette Valley! It is this extra hang time that is surely responsible for this wine's intensity.*

*In the cellar, I challenge myself to find the perfect blend, and this year I am excited to present **Oldsville Reserve**. This wine is limited in quantity by the vintage, and reminds me of my 1993 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, which I still enjoy today.*

THE WINE

- In the **Fiddlehead style**, this wine is meant to have **concentration and elegance** wrapped up in one easy package. The 1999 vintage was superb for achieving these attributes.
- This wine is **dense, spicy, and silky smooth** on the palate. It's a showy wine that is easy to fall in love with because of its concentration. It is forward aromatically, rich in spice, and has wonderful flavor memory.
- This wine was hand-picked, hand-sorted, hand-punched and handmade, from start to finish.
- The **1999 Oldsville Reserve** was aged in 100% French oak, 40% new, for one year. It was then given an additional year in bottle before release to allow all of the parts to come together into one delicious blend.
- And, what doesn't Pinot Noir go with? Enjoy it, as often as possible!

