

## 2019 '100 Years a Lady', Pinot Meunier Willamette Valley AVA

While we have played with Pinot Meunier in the past, this is our first offering of a 100% Meunier, dedicated to Brienne's grandmother—who after 100 years of vibrancy continues to flourish. And this wine captures that vibrancy perfectly. With gentle care during primary fermentation, this wine exudes elegance in the glass. Red-fruited and perfumed, with notes of Hood strawberries, Rainier cherries, marjoram, and forest floor. The finish lingers with a hint of gunflint. The supple tannins and balance between fruit and acidity make this wine ready to drink, while also perfectly suited to cellar-aging.

### Technical Information

*Grape Varietals:* 100% Pinot Meunier

*Vineyards:* 12 Oaks Vineyard, Left Coast Cellars

*Final pH:* 3.64

*Final TA:* 5.2 g/L

*Alc. By Vol.:* 12%

*Winemaking:* The grapes from each vineyard were vinified separately in 1.5-ton fermenters. Grapes were destemmed, with 30% kept whole-cluster at the bottom of each fermenter. No sulfur was used at the crush pad; we use dry ice to limit fruit degradation while promoting native-yeast fermentation. After about three weeks on skins, the wine is dry and is pressed into French Oak barrels, with 25% new oak influence. Allowed to complete malolactic fermentation, this wine is never fined nor filtered. Aged for eight months.

