



ELK COVE CLAY COURT PINOT NOIR

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Elk Cove is one of Oregon's oldest and most respected wineries. Wines have been made here since 1977 by the Campbell family. Adam Campbell today works with his parents as the full time winemaker, keeping the business family owned and run. The estate covers 80 ha in four distinct sites all in the prestigious Northern Willamette Valley.

Clay Court sits atop a picturesque hillside in the Parrett Mountain zone of the Chehalem Mountains AVA. This 15 acre all-Pinot-Noir vineyard was planted in 2001 with the classic Pommard and modern Dijon 115 and 777 clones of Pinot Noir. Clay Court vineyards rest on dark red Jory clay soils, with gentle, well-drained east-facing slopes.

The Clay Court Pinot Noir fruit is fermented in small, temperature controlled steel tanks, hand punched down twice daily then aged for ten months in 40% new French oak. Then winemaking team then carefully blends the barrels most representative of the character of the vineyard.

Grape Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Tasting note: A muscular expression of Pinot Noir with rich, concentrated red and black fruits flecked with savoury spice and layers of complexity which reveal themselves after a little time in the glass. The tannins are fine and long, expressing the ferrous nature of the vineyard which lingers on the palate long after drinking.

Food Match: Ideal with beef in gravy sauce

Vintage: 2015

Awards: 91 Wine Spectator
92 Robert Parker

Farming Practices: Vegan - Contains Sulfites

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