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## 2018 GRIFFIN'S CUVÉE PINOT NOIR *Willamette Valley AVA*

*Part of the Family Cuvée portfolio, Griffin's Cuvée is the namesake wine for Joe Dobbes' son. Styled after Griffin, this Pinot Noir is bold and assertive.*

### GROWING SEASON

The 2018 Willamette Valley growing season began with bud break in mid-April, similar to 2017. Good conditions for bloom in mid-June provided a healthy fruit set. The summer was warm and dry, which created ideal growing conditions. September was a combination of warm and cool streaks with occasional rain that continued into October. The cooler conditions slowed ripening, ensuring grapes with excellent maturity and slightly higher than average acid levels.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Dark-fruited aromas with intriguing accents of sweet oak and brambly spice lead into a full-bodied palate with structured tannins and juicy acid. This wine has 36% new oak aging and 8% whole cluster fermentation which contribute the earth and spice notes and help build age-worthy tannins that carry through to the medium-long finish. The Eola-Amity Hills AVA makes up 60% of this blend, which helps define the dark-fruited and spicy aroma and full midpalate. The 20% Yamhill Carlton AVA component builds structure, complemented with red fruit and softer tannins from the Chehalem Mountains AVA.

### PAIRS BEST WITH

Flank steak • NY Strip with black truffle butter • Portobello mushroom stuffed with Italian sausage • Basil and fresh mozzarella • Lasagna

### TASTING NOTES

**Appellation:** Willamette Valley

**Color:** Dark ruby

**Aroma:** Marionberry, blackberry, dark cherry, blueberry, sweet oak, brambly spice, subtle lilac

**Mouthfeel:** full bodied, structured tannins and juicy, supporting acid

**Flavor:** Blueberry, tart cherry, fig, spicy oak, tobacco, bramble

**Finish:** Medium-long, carried by age-worthy tannins and supporting acid

### TECH FACTS

**TA:** 5.65 g/L

**pH:** 3.53

**Alcohol Level:** 14.2%

**Barrel Aging:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 36% new

**Cases Produced:** 250