

2018 FLOOD LINE PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Flood Line Pinot Noir hails from two distinct sites in the Eola-Amity Hills - Valin-Morrissey (2016 was 100% from here) and Bois Joli. Valin-Morrissey was initially a land lease; Rex Hill Vineyards paid to develop this land. Years later, when they started cutting away properties, Valin-Morrissey was the last on the chopping block. We thought it was crazy to let such an incredible site go and pounced on it, farming it collaboratively and sustainably. Perched up high on the west (Amity) side of the hills, Bois Joli is also farmed sustainably, using uncertified biodynamic and organic preparations by the owners and growers - the Bond family.



VINEYARDS

VITICULTURAL AREA

Eola-Amity Hills AVA

GROWERS/OWNERS

Valin-Morrissey: owned by Jeff Valin, farmed by Rob Clarke Bois-Joli: owned and farmed by Barb Bond & Rob Kistler

SOIL TYPE

Jory (VM) & Volcanic with Marine Sediments (BJ)

VINE AGE

Planted in 2004 (VM) and 1983 (BJ)

VINEYARD SIZE

Valin Morrissey is a total of seven acres, Bois-Joli is eight acres. Averæn contracts the entire vineyard at both sites.

WINEMAKING

VARIETIES

100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST

October 5th – 10th

FERMENTATION

Native yeast fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel with 30% stem inclusion

AGING

14 months in French oak - 40% new, 25% second use, 35% neutral Stockinger, Damy & Tremeaux barrels (228L)

LABS

14.7% ABV3.6pH6.0 TAUPC853868006529

PRESS

91 POINTS, VINOUS

"Limpid ruby-red. Perfumed cherry and red fruit aromas pick up floral and spice accents as the wine opens up. Juicy and seamless in texture, offering appealingly sweet raspberry and mulberry flavors and building spiciness. Fine-grained tannins come in late, adding gentle grip to a lingering cherry note." - Josh Raynolds