

# Evesham Wood

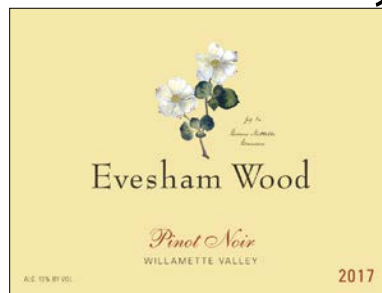
Erin and Jordan Nuccio purchased Evesham Wood Winery and the estate vineyard after Nuccio, who is also the owner and winemaker of Haden Fig, had worked closely with the original founders, Mary and Russ Raney, since the mid-2,000s. The Raney's originally founded Evesham Wood in 1986 with the goal of sourcing and growing optimally ripe, low-yield fruit produced with minimal intervention in the vineyard and the cellar. Organic certification became official in 2002. Since 2010, Erin and Jordan Nuccio have been the stewards of this growing line of terroir-driven wines.



The "Le Puits Sec" estate vineyard spans 12.5 acres in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA of the Willamette Valley, and it is named for the French phrase for "the dry well" of which there is one in the vineyard. The high-elevation mesoclimate up at 800 to 900 feet is perfect for organic, dry-farming and producing Burgundian or Alsatian style varietals. The soil itself is a mix of Jory and Basalt soils.

Since the original 1986 planting of 8 acres, a few of the original Chardonnay vines were regrafted with Pinot Noir in 1999 and the remainder of the vineyard has been expanded. Now there are 6.5 acres of Pinot Noir, 3 acres of Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir is all Dijon or ungrafted Pommard clones, and the Chardonnay is 108 and Dijon. Then there is about 3 acres of Pinot Gris and other varieties including Rieslaner and Grüner Veltliner. Small, site-specific cuvées have also been made from sourced fruit throughout the Eola-Amity Hills region. All wines are certified organically or sustainably grown, so Nuccio continues with a minimal intervention winemaking style and a conservative use of oak in the cellar.

## Pinot Noir Willamette Valley



**Varietal/Blend:** Pinot Noir

**Farming Practices:** dry-farmed / \*certified sustainable (Live and Salmon Safe) / all with organic practices

**Vineyard:** Mahonia\* / Illahe\* / Ash Creek / Sojourner\* / Nuestro Sueño / Prophet / Jubilee

**Elevation / Exposure:** 200 to 750 feet / mostly W  
**Soil:** Nekia, Jory, Dupee, Willakenzie, & Bellpine

**Harvest Technique:** by hand

**Year Vines Were Planted:** 1985–2010

**Yeast:** proprietary "Jayer" yeasts isolated from a bottle of 1986 Mayer Echezeaux

**Fermentation:** 21-day fermentation / twice-daily pumpover for three days followed by twice-daily punchdowns

**Malolactic:** yes

**Maturation:** 10 months in neutral French oak

**Vegan:** yes

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Country:** United States

**Region:** Oregon

**Subregion:** Willamette Valley

**Production #s:** 4,000 cs

"We try to use this wine as our looking glass to figure out what is yet to come from all of the other HF and EW wines that are still in barrel. 2019 seems to be a curious mix of 2007 and 2012/18: relatively low heat accumulation over the Summer months and the coolest Autumn in over a decade. Along with Le Puits Sec and J, this is the wine I'm most proud to offer: a truly artisanal, hands-off pinot noir made the same way as our single-vineyard wines at a most reasonable price. Focused, floral aromatics foreground red cherry, sour cherry and spice on the nose moving to riper plum and savory mouth-filling fruit with juicy acid and a succulence on the finish." – Erin Nuccio

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