

Raptor Ridge Company Overview

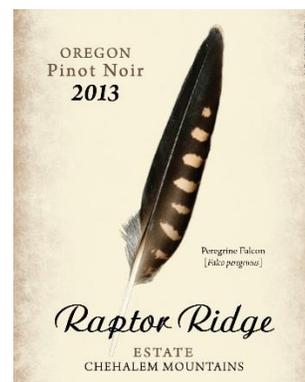


We founded Raptor Ridge in 1995. Named for our location on a ridge in the Chehalem Mountains AVA, Raptor Ridge is a haven for our native raptors. We specialize in hand-grown single vineyard Pinot Noir sourced from select Willamette Valley sites plus our own estate, Tuscowallame Vineyard. We create intriguing wines by blending intuition honed over 22 vintages with the methodical approach of maintaining hundreds of separate lots. The result is an array of vineyard specific barrels, providing diversity and nuance to the final cellar-crafted cuvées. -Annie & Scott Shull, Proprietors

2013 Estate Pinot Noir

Raptor Ridge Estate's Tuscowallame Vineyard is located in Oregon's Chehalem Mountains about 25 miles southwest of Portland. The vineyard site slopes east-southeast, and elevations range from 250 to 498 feet on our Loess-based Laurelwood soils with Jory underlayment. Tuscowallame is an indigenous word meaning "place where the owls dwell."

Our Estate Pinot noir is noted for its silky texture, fine-grained tannins, Italian plum, cherry, black pepper and mineral notes. Purchased in 2000, the site was a defunct cherry orchard. The vineyard was planted in three phases, and each block is named for the vineyard manager who planted it. Our first vintages from the estate were released as Adolfo's Block 2006-2010. Adolfo's Block was planted in 2001 by Adolfo Jimenez and was a 'test block' with a field blend of 115, 667, and 777 clones of Pinot noir and 1.5 acres of Grüner Veltliner. Macario's Block was planted by Macario Ramirez in 2004, and contains Pommard, 667, and 777 clones of Pinot noir. Dustin's Block was planted in 2007 by Dustin Miller, and contains Pommard and 114 clones of Pinot noir. Since 2011, we have blended Macario and Dustin blocks with Adolfo's to achieve the best 500+ case Estate bottling annually. Now that the entire vineyard is on line and mature, this Estate bottling has become our "flagship" Pinot Noir, exemplifying the "House Style" of Raptor Ridge. Tuscowallame Pinot noir may also be found in many of our cuvées. In its last vintage (2012), our Reserve cuvée was 50% Estate-sourced. A few barrels from the Estate continue to be utilized in our currently available Barrel Select cuvée.



Production Statistics

- **Bottled:** August 6, 2014
- **Alcohol:** 12.5%
- **Case Production:** 577
- **Block:** 6, 8, 10
- **Clonal Selection:** 114 (42%), 667 (35%), 777 (23%)
- **Harvest Date:** 9/25 - 10/6
- **Average Brix:** 20.3
- **Average pH:** 3.53
- **Average TA:** 4.73
- **Destem:** 100%
- **Cold Soak:** 7 days
- **Skin Contact:** 18 days
- **Yeast:** BGY, RC212, BM 45
- **Oak:** French, 9 months 32% New Oak Effect
- **SRP:** \$45

Reviews by Scoring Publications

91 Points, Wine Advocate: The 2013 Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir was picked between September 25 and October 6 and was completely destemmed. The nose is very attractive with perfumed red cherry, cranberry and rose petals blossoming from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine delineation, precise and detailed with a keen line of acidity, real brightness and vivacity emerging towards the finish. This is fine Pinot Noir that has real class. - Neil Martin

91 Points, Wine Spectator: Light and open-textured, dealing out raspberry, red cherry, cinnamon and floral flavors with restraint, coming together harmoniously on the long finish. Drink now through 2021 - Harvey Steiman

9 Out of 10, Vinography: Light garnet in the glass, this wine smells of raspberry leaf and dried flowers. In the mouth, stony, subtle flavors of raspberry, green herbs, and wet earth feel like they've been filtered through cold mountain stream water. Wonderfully delicate, with excellent acidity and surprisingly muscular tannins for being so faint in their presence. - Alder Yarrow