

PIKE ROAD WINES

Single Vineyard Pinot Noirs



2022 Fairsing Vineyard Pinot Noir

About Fairsing Vineyard:

Fairsing means "bountiful" in ancient Gaelic, and is owned by Mike and Mary-Ann McNally. This special vineyard site was established in 2005, when the family purchased a quarter section of harvested forestland. The vineyard is part of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA and has marine sedimentary soils with great drainage, allowing for earlier ripening. Today the sustainably farmed vineyard has 38 acres of Pinot noir grapes and 2 acres of Chardonnay planted on steep hillsides.

2022 Vintage:

A year that kept us guessing, 2022 was an unusual vintage in the northern Willamette Valley. April brought one of our latest snows on record, with growers worried about frost damage. Thankfully, most vineyard sites set a generous crop which after a slow spring required thinning to encourage ripening. Temperatures finally warmed in August and September, but cool nights ensured adequate hangtime and flavor development. A string of sunny October days gave us the final ripening we desperately needed. Nearly every block of fruit was ready over a compressed two-week period, so the fruit arrived at peak ripeness during a very intense harvest season in the cellar. We expect our hard work to be rewarded with complex, fruit-forward wines.

Tasting Notes:

The 2022 Fairsing showcases heady aromas of creamy creme de cassis, black cherry cola, and candied violets. The palate is big and impressive with brambly dark fruit, spice, pine needles, and salted caramel. Not a wimpy Pinot Noir!

Details:

Retail: \$50

Cases: 200

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton

Soil: Marine Sedimentary

Vine Age: 16

10 Months in 25% new french oak

T.A. 5.2

pH 3.6

Alcohol: 14% v/v

With roots deep in Oregon, our family has spent over 40 years farming at Elk Cove Vineyards. Our goal at Pike Road is to honor dedicated family-owned vineyards who grow exceptional cool-climate grape varieties here in the Willamette Valley.

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