



# ATTICUS

FOUR CULTURES, TWO FAMILIES, ONE DREAM...

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY • PINOT NOIR • 2009

Our 09 Willamette Valley is a blend of 45% Atticus Vineyard Pommard; 30% Hawks View Dijon 777; 10% Hawks View Wadenswil; 5% Bishop Creek Field Blend (Dijon 777, Wadenswil & Pommard). The wine was raised in 20% new French oak for 10 months and after racking and blending spent a further 2 months in the same barrels. Beautiful tayberries, black plums and red juicy fruits on the nose are accented with sweet spice and sassafras. Bright raspberries welcome the palate with fleshy black plums providing a lush and rich mouth feel, leading to a smooth lengthy finish with hints of anise and caramel.

### *Atticus Vineyard*

The vineyard which adheres to sustainable farming practices contains Willakenzie soils and sits at an elevation of 300 feet with a south / south west facing slope. Planted with Pommard (80%) and Dijon 667 & 777 clones (20%) in 2005, the 2009 vintage is only the second from this vintage. It is located in the Yamhill Carlton AVA.

### *Hawks View Vineyard*

Planted over 20 years ago (with some blocks added in 1997 and 1998), this vineyard is located on the Chehalem Ridge in Washington County and is planted on Laurelwood soils at an altitude ranging from 250 to 500 feet. The vineyard was purchased by the Kemp family in 2002 whose philosophy is centered on low input farming practices to produce premium Pinot Noir grapes. It is located in the Chehalem Mountains AVA.

### *Bishop Creek Vineyard*

This LIVE certified vineyard owned by Reuel Fish, was planted in 1998 at an elevation ranging from 400 to 500 ft, on predominantly Willakenzie soils. The vines are own-rooted and mostly organically farmed. It is located in the Yamhill Carlton AVA.

### *Winemaking*

Winemaking at Atticus is collaboration between the very experienced and talented Scott Shull of Raptor Ridge and our own Ximena. Scott has numerous outstanding vintages under his belt and he believes that by having a close hand in vineyard management, yielding to the will of the grapes and using some intuition, a true expression of Oregon Pinot Noir can be created. Since her first vintage as harvest intern in 2007, Ximena studied the science of winemaking at a local college and has gained an evolving level of hands-on experience in the winery over the years. These days, while we still rely on Scott's good council and expertise, Ximena leads many of the key decisions in the winemaking process.

*480 cases were made.*

*...to establish a family owned winery embracing Oregon's values of nurturing the land and the future. Our goal is to create elegant and approachable wines that will reflect the earth and let the fruit shine. From our dream to your glass...*

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