

# ERATH

WINERY

## 2009 ESTATE SELECTION PINOT NOIR VINEYARDS



PRINCE HILL



KNIGHT'S GAMBIT

	84.2% BATTLE CREEK VINEYARD	6.1% PRINCE HILL VINEYARD	4.1% LELAND VINEYARD	2.6% KNIGHT'S GAMBIT VINEYARD	2.6% NIEDERBERGER VINEYARD	0.4% TUENGE VINEYARD
LOCATION	Mid-Willamette Valley, southeast of the Dundee Hills, near Salem	1/2 miles west and uphill from Dundee, Oregon	20 miles east of Dundee, Oregon	1/3 mile NW of Prince Hill Vineyard	On a hillside adjacent to Niederberger Road, 1 mile west and uphill from Dundee, Oregon	Eastern flank of the northern boundary of the Chehalem Mountains AVA
AVA	Willamette Valley	Dundee Hills	Willamette Valley	Dundee Hills	Dundee Hills	Chehalem Mountains
FIRST PLANTED	1997	1983	1982	1988	1989	1998
ACRES PLANTED	80 total acres, all Pinot Noir	34 total acres; 28 Pinot Noir, 6 Pinot Gris	4 acres total, all planted to Pinot Noir	34 total acres; 23 Pinot Noir, 11 Pinot Gris	16 total acres; 14 Pinot Noir, 2 Pinot Blanc	4 total acres, all Pinot Noir
PINOT NOIR CLONES	Courv, Dijon clones 113,114,115,667, and 777, Pommard, Wadenswil	Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon clones 667, 777, 828,113,114,115	Pommard, Wadenswil	Pommard, Dijon clones 115, 777	Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon clones 115, 777, 828	Dijon clone 115
SOIL	Jory	Jory	Jory	Jory	Jory and Woodburn	Laurelwood
ELEVATION	400-650 feet	510-760 feet	400 feet	600-950 feet	230-400 feet	450 feet
ORIENTATION	Gentle south facing slopes	The vineyard has multiple slopes from south, southeast to east and is divided into eight separate blocks based on clone, slope and soil conditions.	Very slight south slope	The vineyard slopes south to southeast, spanning about 34 acres and contains seven individual blocks based on clone, slope and soil conditions.	South-southwest slope	South facing slope
GROWING CONDITIONS	During the growing season the vineyard enjoys long, sunny and warm afternoons frequented by cool coastal breezes, creating a climate that prolongs maturation and allows the fruit to develop rich flavor profiles and complexity while maintaining the natural acidity.	Located in the relatively sheltered Northern Willamette Valley, the Dundee Hills offers warmer nights and less frost than the adjacent growing areas.	Located close to the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, marine cloudiness dissipates later in the morning than in the Dundee Hills, resulting in a cool, late ripening site with higher levels of acidity.	Though located in the relatively sheltered northern Willamette Valley this higher elevation site of the Dundee Hills experiences cool nights retaining bright fresh fruit flavor and aroma plus heightened natural acidity.	The higher elevation portion of the vineyard is volcanic Jory soil transitioning to sedimentary Woodburn soil at the lower elevation. The vineyard is sheltered from the elements by surrounding hills consequently trapping heat that results in early ripening.	Located on the east flank of the Chehalem Mountains which offers protection from afternoon coastal breezes. Laurelwood soil is a complex, brown, silty soil made of ancient decomposed volcanic material topped with wind-blown loess and Missoula Flood sediment.
WINE CHARACTER	Wide clonal diversity allows selection of components that yield balanced wines with the potential to age. Wines from this vineyard tend to be moderately opulent with bright fruit flavors and aromas.	Red to black cherry fruit with hints of earth. Soft and supple tannins. Moderate intensity and concentration, wines from Prince Hill are balanced and ageworthy.	These older Pinot Noir clones create wines of elegance and ageworthiness. Red cherry to black cherry flavors and aromas are typical. Wines from Leland have relatively high natural fruit acidity, which makes them one of the last releases of the vintage.	Fresh cranberry, red and black cherry fruits with typical Dundee Hills soft tannin and a kiss of acidity.	Black cherry and pomegranate fruitiness. Moderately firm tannin structure. Ageworthy.	Dark fruited, structured wines with faint earthiness and mineral notes.