

## **OVERVIEW**

We founded Open Claim Vineyards to grow benchmark Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on a Willamette Valley property our family has tended for over 20 years. Situated near Mt. Pisgah in the last foothills of the coastal range, Open Claim is a premier 55-acre site planted in 2012 to 21 acres. Honoring the land and respect for nature inspires all of our decision making – from the use of solely organic practices and dry farming to encouraging biodiversity through the preservation of our property's unique oak enclave and wildlife corridor. We provide fruit for a few select clients, and work with Tony Rynders to vinify our limited production estate wines.

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Marnie & Brett Wall, Proprietors



## WINES & WINEMAKER

We are very thankful to work with one of the Pacific Northwest's most acclaimed winemakers, Tony Rynders. Few are as integral to the international status Willamette Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay now enjoy. In 2008 after many years of experience here in Oregon and abroad, Tony started consulting on projects close to his heart. We're proud to be one of them.

2017 CHARDONNAY | \$225 per 3-bottle allocation 16 months in 33% new French oak; 70 cases

2017 PINOT NOIR | \$225 per 3-bottle allocation 16 months in 40% new French oak; 58 cases

## VINEYARD

Our vineyard is a 55-acre site at the base of Mt. Pisgah, most distinguished by an amphitheater of ancient oaks. Together with Results Partners, we planted 21 acres in 2012, and today cultivate 10 clones in a very intentional array: 10 blocks including 18 acres of Pinot Noir (Pommard, Wädenswil, 114, 115, 943, 667, 777, 828) and 3 acres of Chardonnay (95, 76).

Mt. Pisgah endows in other ways. We are buffered from the winds that funnel through the Van Duzer Corridor into the valley. And, at our elevation, we hover above the frost danger that can occur as the colder, damp air drains down. The land tilts at a perfect 4-degree south-facing slope to the sun. Morning fog provides whatever moisture winter rains forget.

Our diverse array of soils, Willakenzie, Bellpine and Rickreall among them, combine with glacial rocks from the Missoula floods to create the ideal, if stubborn, terroir essential to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.



## JOIN US

We are in the building phase of a small tasting room featuring chef-inspired pairings where visitors will tour the property and have the opportunity to learn about our farming practices while enjoying an individualized experience. We will offer small party reservation-only appointments beginning in late 2021.

In the meantime, we invite you to visit our website. We released our 2017 Chardonnay this spring and will release our 2017 Pinot Noir this fall.

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