

DOMAINE SERENE

GRACE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

v. 2003

TASTING NOTES - *Tony Rynders, Winemaker*

Deep, dark aromas of smoky black cherry, blackberry, plum, anise, dried fig and bay leaf. The palate shows intense blackberry, sweet cherry, licorice, black tea, clove, allspice, earth and supple tannins with an incredibly long and persistent finish.

VINEYARD

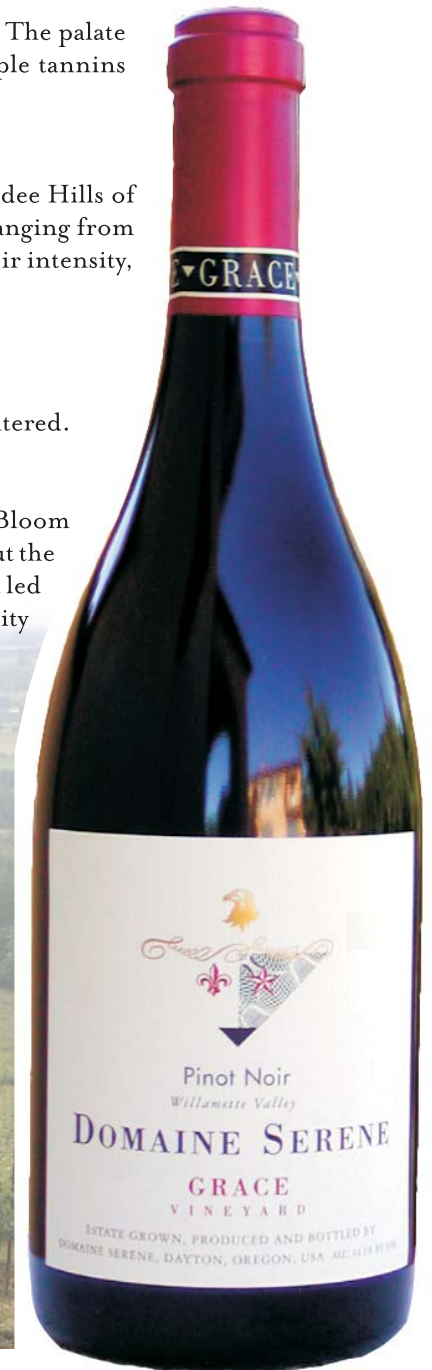
Grace Vineyard is one of the seven vineyards of the Evenstad Estate located atop the Dundee Hills of Oregon. This hillside bench vineyard is situated on an east facing slope, with elevations ranging from 540 to 650 feet. Planted in 1996 to Dijon clones 777 and 667 of Pinot Noir, prized for their intensity, powerful fruit, and early ripening. The 2003 Grace is 70% clone 777 and 30% clone 667.

CROP YIELD - 1.80 tons/acre.

AGING - Aged 11 months in French oak barrels of which 100% were new. Unfined and unfiltered.

VINTAGE NOTES

Warm weather in late spring provided virtually ideal conditions for uniform flowering. Bloom concluded in 2 weeks and set was very good. Continued warm and dry conditions throughout the summer encouraged excellent flavor development in the grapes. Record heat accumulation led to an early harvest with unprecedented sugar levels. The resulting wine possesses the intensity and ripe flavor profile of the vintage.



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