

# DOMAINE SERENE

## MARK BRADFORD VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

382 CASES PRODUCED

v. 2002

*“Perhaps the best wine we’ve ever made.” – Grace Evenstad*

### TASTING NOTES

Effusive nose of violet, rose petal, black raspberry, ripe bing cherry, talc, bramble, pipe tobacco, slight toast and earth. The palate displays intense black raspberry, tangy wild cherry, boysenberry, sage, violet, beet root, allspice and cinnamon with lithe and ample tannins on the finish.

### VINEYARD

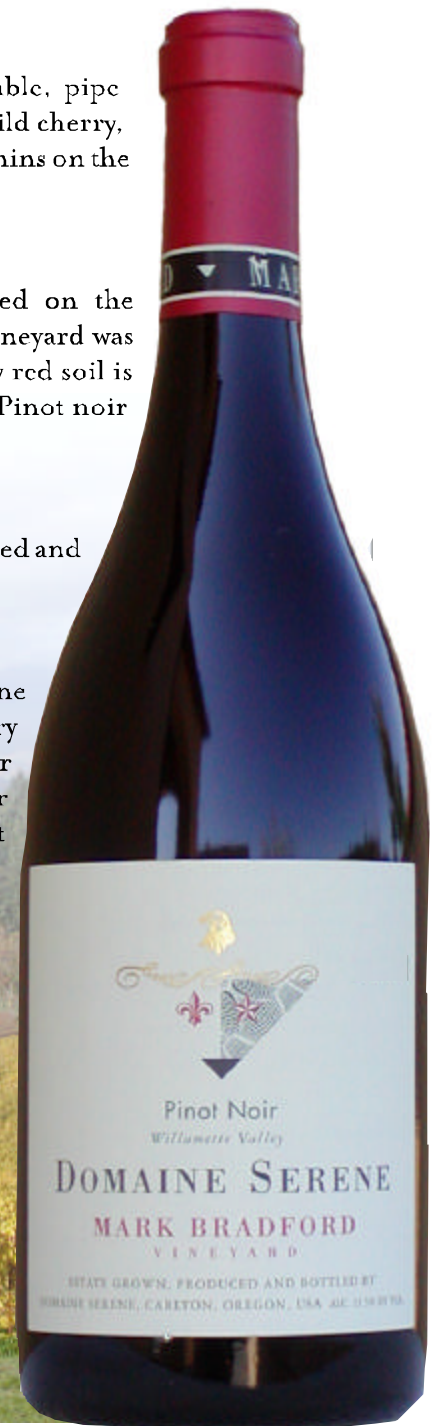
Mark Bradford is one of the seven vineyards of the Evenstad Estate located on the southernmost hilltop of the Dundee Hills of Oregon. This 11-acre, west-facing vineyard was planted in 1993 at an elevation of 640-740 feet and is late ripening. The crumbly red soil is volcanic in origin and of the Jory series. The vineyard was planted to the “classic” Pinot noir clones and the 2002 bottling is comprised of 70% Pommard and 30% Wadenswil.

### CROPYIELD & AGING

1.91 tons/acre. Aged 17 months in French oak barrels of which 83% were new. Unfined and unfiltered.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Bud break in mid-April was followed by unusually sunny and warm conditions in June leading to excellent fruit set. The 2002 vintage continued the trend of very dry summers and beautiful ripening conditions. Crop thinning was performed in our dry-farmed vineyards on three occasions: pre-veraison, wing removal, and color thinning. Warm and dry weather through harvest led to superb flavor development and structure in the resulting wines.



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