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Sunset at Elk Cove's La Boheme Vineyard



Elk Cove Vineyards

Elk Cove Vineyards and Estate was founded in 1974 by Pat and Joe Campbell, on a secluded property in the North Willamette Valley. The first planted vineyard was on a gentle south-facing slope which drained into a steep canyon. The sunny hillsides were planted to early ripening varieties such as Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, and Riesling. The first year of commercial production was released in 1978. Estate vineyards now cover over 220 acres on four separate sites in the Northern Willamette Valley.

Steep south facing slopes, of Willakenzie and Laurelwood soil types with excellent drainage, provide the perfect environment to grow the world class wine grapes that are the basis for creating Elk Cove wines. Proper site selection and meticulous vine management along with harvesting at very low yields creates the concentration and depth of flavor that are hallmarks of Elk Cove wines.

Elk Cove Vineyards proudly remains a family owned and operated winery. Growing up among the vines on the Elk Cove Estate has instilled into winemaker Adam Campbell a tremendous respect for the soil in which the grapes were grown, therefore his role is one of stewardship over intervention.

Adam has over time introduced new equipment and methods that have reaped great rewards in wine quality. In the winery Adam employs gravity flow and gentle handling to protect the inherent qualities of the Estate grown fruit.

The Vineyards

Elk Cove has been producing single vineyard pinot noirs since 1979. They use sustainable agricultural practices on all their vineyards, and all fruit is hand harvested.

Just 25 of the 220 planted acres at the vineyard locations are selected for Elk Cove's Single Vineyard wines. These particular sites consistently provide the material proven to make outstanding wines.

They hold yields to under two tons per acre using severe pruning, shoot thinning, and green harvesting techniques.

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