

Vintage: 2018

Grapes: Pinot

Appellation: Eola Amity Hills -

Willamette Valley - Oregon

Vintner: Bill Legion

Alcohol: 14.2%

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# GRAFTED

**EOLA AMITY HILLS - WILLAMETTE VALLEY - OREGON** 

# **PINOT NOIR**

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Background

Grafted (grafting) is making a connection. In the case of vines, the connection is between the roots and a new bud (scion) allowing for new life to spring from a well established base. The new life benefits from the accumulated resilience and structure of the existing root system. Much like grafting a grapevine, this wine was born from a unique connection between someone looking for a fresh start and someone with the accumulated wisdom to let them flourish.

Why it matters

What really matters is that the wine is delicious, after that it's good to know that enjoying this wine is also allowing someone to flourish and grow.

### **WINEMAKING DETAILS:**

We harvest our Pinot Noir at about 23.5 Brix, gently de-stem before maceration. Our fermentations take about a week to avoid harsh tannic flavors. After pressing and malolactic fermentation, the wine ages 10-16 months in barrels and tanks before blending and bottling.

## **TASTING NOTES:**

The nose is quintessentially Eola-Amity Hills with a vibrancy of orange oil and raspberries. The mid-palate is persistent and lingering, with prevalent cranberry and pomegranate, further raspberry, and finishing with soft and subtle forest ferns.

### **PAIRINGS:**

Wonderful with a rillette of game or pork, roasted Shitake mushrooms and seared duck breast.

Color: Starbright Red | Body: Medium | Texture: Integrated and persistent

Bill Leigon has been active in the wine industry for over 45 years. Before partnering with VinoVida to create Grafted Wines, he was the founder of Jamieson Ranch Vineyards. There he created the highly recognized "Double Lariat" Napa Valley Cabernet, as well as the Reata, Light Horse, and Whiplash brands. Beyond the world of wine, Bill is a community activist, vocalist and artist. He was a founding director of the Napa Valley Repertory Theatre and has served as president of the Arts Council of Napa Valley, president of the Napa Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and currently serves on the board of Music in the Vineyards.



