



## **Background**

Owner: Raptor Ridge

**Country:** USA / Oregon / Willamette Valley

Founded: 1995

Annual Production: 10,000cs

**Description:** Located in the Chehalem

Mountains, a natural haven for raptors, Raptor Ridge specializes in hand-grown wines from individual vineyards located throughout the Willamette Valley. With a long history and numerous 90+ scores, Raptor Ridge is one of Oregon's pre-eminent producers and has, among many other accolades, been named a Top 100 Winery by Food and Wine magazine.

## Wine Notes - 2020 Raptor Ridge Pinot Noir Barrel Select

Raptor Ridge Pinot Noir Barrel Select is drawn from eight distinct vineyards located throughout Oregon's famed Willamette Valley and is often called a tour of the Willamette Valley in a glass. While it is technically the estate's entry-level bottling, Barrel Select is an impressive effort on its own right and offers a superb value proposition. This diverse, complex 100% Pinot Noir is comprised of over 100 separate barrels, each made from individually harvested, fermented and aged vineyard plots, which are hand-selected and blended by the winemaking team. The result is a classically expressive Oregon Pinot that faithfully reflects its Willamette Valley terroir. The palate is medium bodied with bright acidity, light tannin, and a long, complex finish. Bright cherry and raspberry notes with hints of pomegranate and hibiscus dominate the nose, while the palate reveals the cola, cinnamon spice, earthy mushroom and black tea.

## **Technical Specifications**

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Region:** United States / Oregon / Willamette Valley

Vine Age / Yields: 15 years old average

**Production Volume:** 2,200 cases

**Vineyard Characteristics:** Multiple vineyards throughout Willamette Valley - volcanic and

sedimentary soils, various exposures

Sustainable, LIVE certified, Organic, Biodynamic

Wine-Making / Vinification: 3-5-day cold soak with 13-16 days of skin contact, 2x daily pump-

> overs, no stem inclusion, primary fermentation in 1.5 ton macrobin fermenters with 2x daily punch-downs, select yeast (3001) Aged 8 months French oak – 17.1% oak intensity, no new oak

used, no fining, cross-flow filtration, one year bottle aging

Alcohol / Volume: 13.5%