

Merriman Wines

United States - Oregon

Mike Merriman founded Merriman Wines in 2006. Mike started as a Texas home brewer in 1993, and then after attending a Fermentation Science course at the University of Oregon in 1997, his passion for the Willamette Valley wine scene emerged. Mike bought a vineyard under contract to Owen Roe and he made his first four barrels of wine that received 90 points from Wine Spectator. Merriman winemaker, Erik Brasher, met Mike in 2008 through Owen Roe and they decided to make wine together. Merriman Wines vineyard was planted entirely of Pinot Noir in 1999 on an eastern facing ridge with no irrigation forcing the roots to grow deep into the ground for water. The clones that were planted are the Dijon 113,114,115,667, 777 in addition to Wadenswil and Pommard. The only Merriman Wine that comes from outside the Merriman Vineyard is their Old Vine Chenin Blanc, which comes from just one block of a leased vineyard in Yakima, Washington and is tended (and discovered) by Erik. Merriman Wines solely uses Sustainable viticultural practices and maintains LIVE and Salmon Safe certifications. Grapes are cropped in many blocks to one cluster per shoot to ensure ripeness and development of flavor. Cool night breezes and warm morning sun grow Merriman's grapes slowly, giving complexity and allowing expression of Washington terroir to come through gracefully.

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Founded

2006

Location

United States

Wine Production Area

United States - Oregon - Willamette Valley,
Yamhill-Carlton

Owners

Mike Merriman

Winemaker

Mike Merriman & Erik Brasher

Grape Varietals

Pinot Noir, Chenin Blanc

Agricultural Methods

Sustainable

Website

www.merrimanwines.com