

Patton Valley Vineyard

United States - Oregon

In 1995, Monte Pitt and David Chen founded Patton Valley Vineyard after years of shared interest in wine, namely Oregon grown world-class Pinot Noir. Monte and David searched two years and almost 50 vineyard sites before finding an abandoned hillside orchard in the northern reach of Willamette Valley. Dave and Monte consulted with Alan Holstein when it came time to clear out the old orchard trees and lay out the vineyard. Alan is one of the most outstanding viticulturists in the valley, and he knew exactly how to make the most of the 72-acre parcel's soil, exposure and elevation. The first 10 acres of Patton Valley Vineyard were planted in 1997.

Today 24 acres of diverse Pinot Noir clones (Dijon, Pommard, Wadenswil) are planted in well drained Laurelwood soils with rootstocks 3309 (low-moderate vigor), 101-14 (moderate vigor) and Riparia Gloire (low vigor). Canopy management techniques such as shoot positioning, leaf pulling, and cluster thinning are employed to ensure healthy, ripe grapes. Annual production is 4,500 - 5,000 9-liter cases. Patton Valley strives to show the distinctive qualities of their estate grown, sustainably farmed fruit through to the finished wine by combining traditional winemaking techniques with a reasonable amount of technology. Derek Einberger came on as winemaker and vineyard manager in 2010 and his production style is right in line with Pitt and Chen's driving principal "from root to fruit to glass...a light, but deliberate hand."

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VINEYARD



Founded

1995

Location

United States

Wine Production Area

United States - Oregon - Willamette Valley

Owners

Monte Pitt, Derek Einberger, Sherie Pitt, Dave Chen & Jill Price

Winemaker

Derek Einberger

Grape Varietals

Pinot Noir

Agricultural Methods

Sustainable

Annual Production

5,000 (9-liter cases)

Website

www.pattonvalley.com