

ERATH

WINERY

the Art of Pinot



2006 Rocky Hill Pinot Noir

"This unique Rocky Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir is a chef's dream, offering fresh herbal aromas punctuated by bright, ripe cherry notes. A vivid palate of vanilla, white pepper and sweet, supple tannins culminate with uplifting acidity that lends itself to a wide array of gourmet pairings. Drink from 2009-2016."

Gary Horner, Erath winemaker

VINEYARD OVERVIEW

Rocky Hill Vineyard is located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, a sub-appellation of the Willamette Valley AVA located just west-northwest of Salem. The AVA is located east of the Van Dunzer Corridor, which provides a break in the Coast Range Mountains and allows cool coastal breezes to flow over the vineyards. The breezes cause a drop in temperatures and help keep the grape acids firm. Overall, the region enjoys a temperate climate of warm summers and mild winters, ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir.

Rocky Hill's eight-year-old vines are planted on soil comprised of predominantly volcanic basalt from ancient lava flows and marine sedimentary rocks. The vineyard sits at an elevation of about 350-400 feet and yields big, hearty fruit with great concentration.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

A favorable, mild and dry spring resulted in an exceptional fruit set. Through the summer and fall, the weather conditions remained advantageous and the fruit continued to develop under warm and dry conditions punctuated with brief heat spikes. The warm weather continued through September and October which significantly condensed the harvest period.

Cooler and slightly wet conditions arrived in late September as sugar levels began to soar, the delayed rains allowed the fruit to develop mature flavors and achieve optimum ripeness. The 2006 vintage produced red wines displaying a rounded intensity of pure fruit, acid and tannin.

APPELLATION
Eola-Amity Hills

VINEYARDS
Rocky Hill

CLONES
115

BARREL REGIME
14 months; 100% French oak, 40% New

HARVEST
September 29, 2006

T.A.
0.53gm/100mL

PH
3.6

ALCOHOL
14.8%