

In 1991, while Randy and Kim Coleman were beginning their 4 year journey exploring California and Oregon properties in search of a site with terroir conducive to Pinot Noir, the Hand family was tending to infant Willamette Valley Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris vines. The Colemans purchased the Hand property in 1996, selling grapes to established wineries. After transitioning from sunny California beaches to the striking Oregon terrain, the Colemans made their debut on the burgeoning Oregon wine scene with their 1999 Pinot Noir. They quickly developed a wine style heavily influenced by the Oregon coastal weather at the mouth of the Van Duzer corridor. As the second oldest winery in the area, the Colemans were early founders of the McMinnville AVA. Coleman's first wine review with the Wine Advocate scored 90 points, and national distribution commenced in 2001. Today, Coleman wines can be found across the country with an ever growing presence.

THE WHO & HOW: Randy and Kim attended UC Davis enology and viticulture courses. With Kim's undergrad & graduate studies in food science, nutrition, and biology, they rapidly applied her science background to viticulture and winemaking, learning on the job and utilizing the experience of winemakers who sourced grapes from Coleman Vineyard. Randy, with an industrial background, made everything happen.

From coastal foothill soils, the Colemans attend to every aspect of their plants' growing season, allowing them to farm sustainably and craft wines that respect the site. From the vineyards, the grapes are brought to the winery where Winemaker Kim oversees every aspect of processing and fermentation,

and Randy oversees the vineyard and winery operations. The next generation of Colemans also contribute to the family business, active in the vineyard and winery, from production to sales.

COLEMAN WINES: The Coleman label includes Estate Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris, along with Chardonnay, Syrah, and Pinot Noir sourced from select vineyards.

VINEYARD: Originally planted in 1991, the estate vineyard is 16 acres of Pinot Noir Pommard and Dijon clones, and 7 acres of Pinot Gris.

GEOLOGY: Coleman Vineyard was chosen as one of 36 sites in Yamhill County for a detailed soil analysis by the U.S. Geological Survey in 2006. Soils include Jory, Yamhill, and Peavine of volcanic basalt and sedimentary origin.

TASTING ROOM & CELLAR CLUB: Wine tasting, wine shipments, events.

