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2019 Vivid Vineyard Pinot Noir

Winery Name: GC Wines

Owner/Winemaker: John Grochau

Associate Winemaker: Aurelien Labrosse

Year Founded: 2002

Winery Location: In the Eola-Amity Hills above Amity, Oregon (Willamette Valley)

About: John Grochau was first introduced to wine and the winemaking landscape in his early 20s, while racing bicycles for a French team in the Loire Valley. After ten years in restaurants and four years working in wineries, he started GC Wines in 2002. The goal has always been to make wines that are balanced, textured and expressive of place. Inspired by the diversity of the Willamette Valley's soils and microclimates, we source grapes from more than twenty vineyards from all around the Willamette Valley. While Pinot Noir is our focus, we are always pushing in new directions and exploring new varieties that include Gamay Noir, Melon de Bourgogne and Trousseau. We constantly experiment with new fermentation and aging techniques to create unique expressions of a variety or to bring some subtle nuance to a larger cuvée.

Vineyards: Vivid Vineyard, Eola-Amity AVA.

Vintage: A relatively mild and early winter was followed by a wet, yet warm spring. The growing season saw a few mild frosts during late April, but started off warmer than average, moderating through mid-vintage with fewer than average heat spikes and near record precipitation during June and July. The vintage will be remembered for the early rains in September and the rapid cool down into October, which challenged harvesting decisions.

Winemaking: 100% Pinot Noir; 33% Whole cluster fermentation, 18-month élevage in 25% new French oak.

Case Production: 100 cases.



