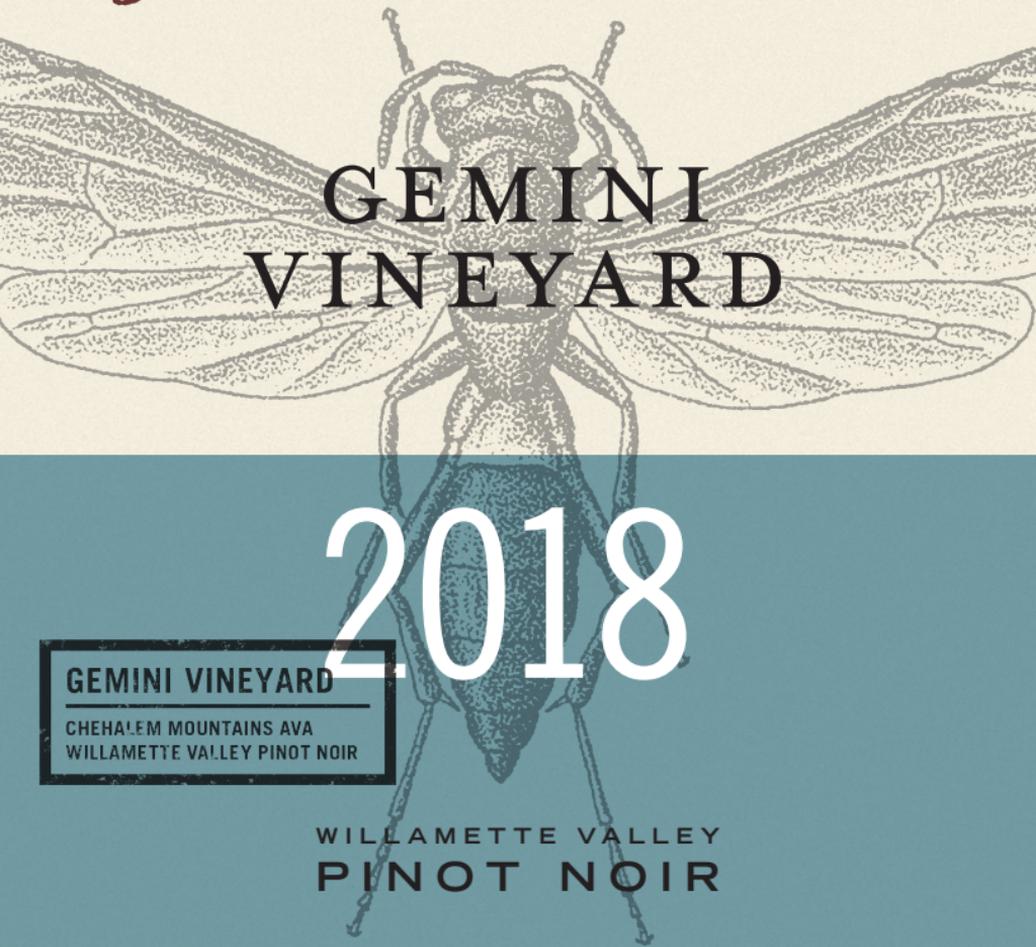


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GEMINI VINEYARD LIMITED BOTTLING
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ALCOHOL: 13.75% PH: 3.54

THESIS: Teeth curtains of joy

A STORY: Pre-harvest 2018, my longtime friend Dale Hatfield of Gemini Vineyards had been casual in asking me to look at some numbers, might be tinkering with selling his vineyard, might just go skiing, no alarm. Harvest came and went, normal. Then he sold. WTF Dale!!&~#(&^Dale%~@\$abandoned^#@%! ... Dale is doing well. So is Jim.

THE CLIFF NOTES: It's a penetrating deep red. The nose opens slightly shy on tan spice, Hershey's syrup and cherry, no wait, make that a full chocolate Sunday replete with whip cream, Maraschino cherry and nuts. Structurally it presents as a bombastic red of generosity with sweet fruit, an expansive mouth of medium length and lip-tingling tannin, riding along unfettered through the tail-out.

THE BUILDING OF: Just the three best barrels here, wild-yeast fermented in stainless steel, 100% barrel aged for 19 months in French oak (no new, one once-filled, one twice-filled, one older). Bottled unfiltered in May 2020.

AGEABILITY: Please, the 2018s are big wines, and we absolutely recommend that you consider decanting to get it some air within its first three years. This wine should easily climb in complexity beyond ten years.

VINEYARDS: The Laurelwood soil of **Gemini Vineyard** in the Chehalem Mountains AVA is a rich, wind-blown loess that contributes vigor to the plants and good acid to the wines made from these grapes, which are grafted 28-year-old, Scott Henry trained, Pommard clone Pinot noir.

—Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker