



Handcrafted • Single Site • Pinot Noir

December 2020 Club Selection

What a year!

We will all remember 2020 as the year the pandemic swept through the nation, taking lives and wreaking havoc on our economy. Wine growers will remember it a disastrous year for other reasons as well.

Here in the Northern Willamette Valley we started with a normal bud break at the end of April and a normal spring. The return of “June Gloom” changed things. We had grown accustomed to warm weather in June when the grape flowers and sets fruit. In years past it was normal to have iffy weather in June which can inhibit fruit set. Fruit set is contingent upon heat and light and over the last six years we have had plenty of both.

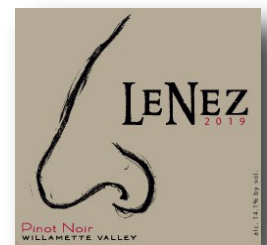
Not this year. June was showery and cool harkening back to a more typical weather pattern for this part of the Northwest. The cool weather resulted in one of the poorest fruit sets in Lenné’s history. We normally harvest around 37 tons of fruit and this year we got a little over 16. It may have been a blessing in disguise. In September a blanket of smoke covered the Northern Willamette Valley for over a week. Some producers decided not to pick rather than risk smoke taint in their wines. Based on the small fruit set we decided to pick and turn the fruit into wine and see what we get.

The jury is still out on what would have been an exceptional vintage. What we do know is we have some smoke taint but we aren’t sure how severe it is yet. We should have a good idea by the end of December. It is unlikely we will make any single clone wines this year but time will tell. We hope you enjoy the preview of the great 2019 vintage included in this shipment.

**2019 LeNez Pinot Noir**

This wine is a tremendous value for the quality in the bottle. Bright mix of red and black fruit with mocha aromatics and perfect balance even at this young age. This will improve over the next decade if you can resist it now.

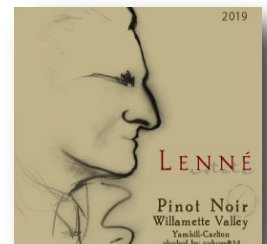
*Bottle Price: Club \$31.50, by case \$28, Retail \$35 Taproot members bottle price \$29.75, case \$26.75*



**2019 Lenné Estate**

This 2019 Lenné Estate has slightly more depth than the LeNez bottling. The wine is 50% Pommard clone and the balance split between the 115 and 777 clones. It has loads of fine grained tannins with black and red fruits and a silky feel on the palate. Again, enjoyable now but will improve over the next decade. We only made 100 cases of this wine.

*Bottle Price: Club \$40.50, by case \$36, Retail \$45 Taproot members bottle price \$38.25, case \$33.75*



**2018 cinq élus Pinot Noir**

The French term “cinq élus” means the five elected and this wine represents the best barrel from each of our five clonal blocks. The wine is full of black and red fruit, exotic oak and a rich mouthfeel. While some of you will drink it now, this wine will be long lived and continue to evolve over the next 15 years. Our most opulent wine to date. Drink now and over the next decade.

*Bottle Price: Club \$70.20, by case \$62.40, Retail \$78 Taproot members bottle price \$66.30 case \$58.50*



Club Member Charges

The following charges were applied to the credit card we have on file. Quarterly charges are billed at retail minus 10% Rootstock and Taproot Legacy members. Members receive 10% off retail anytime you buy a bottle and 20% when you buy a case. Taproot Legacy members receive 25% on any case and 15% on any bottle excluding the club shipments which are billed at 10%. Taproot Silver members receive 15% off any bottle including the club shipment and 25% off any case. Deeproot members receive 30% off their shipments and 30% off any other purchases.

If you have any questions please contact [steve@lennestate.com](mailto:steve@lennestate.com).

2019 LeNez Pinot Noir	\$35.00
2019 Lenné Estate Pinot Noir	\$45.00
2018 Lenné cinq élus Pinot	\$78.00
Subtotal	\$158.00
<b>Less 10%</b>	<b>(\$15.80)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$142.20</b>