

# KATE ARNOLD

DAFFODIL HILL EOLA-AMITY HILLS PINOT NOIR 2018



#### AVA

100% Eola-Amity Hills  
100% Daffodil Hill Vineyard

#### VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

#### OAK REGIMEN

French, neutral oak barrels  
3-7 years old

#### CASES PRODUCED

98

#### ABV

14%

#### pH

3.86

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5.6 g/L

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

Fermented dry

#### FOOD PAIRING

Mushroom stroganoff, pork roast with sage and polenta, fried red snapper with ginger-scallion sauce

## TASTE PROFILE

- COLOR** / Translucent, dark ruby
- AROMAS** / Cherry, cardamom, clove, Luxardo and Maraschino cherries
- FLAVORS** / Cranberry, rhubarb, pie cherries, pomegranates, baking spices, vanilla, and cedar
- STRUCTURE** / Textured and round mid-palate, balanced all the way through

## VINEYARD SOURCE

### *Daffodil Hill - 100%*

Daffodil Hill is an incredibly beautiful site in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. At an elevation of 550 feet, you will feel enveloped in gorgeous pastoral peace with a view of a spectacular coastal range to the west. Atop this picturesque mountain is the Dijon 114 block. The Dijon 667 clone, which offers the wine its luscious, juicy mid-palate with an abundance of purple floral and ripe black cherry flavors, is planted over four acres across the block. We often see these flavors in other Eola Hills, but nowhere else do we see the same richness and weight as the fruit in Daffodil Hill. The acidity of the wine is perfectly balanced, a stunning product of the uniqueness of this vineyard.

## 2018 VINTAGE REPORT

The vintage started off with a bit of rain. The foundation for the vintage is set in the spring, so when we were hit with a heatwave in early spring, we thought we may end up with a vintage that provided wines similar to that of 2016. But colder weather followed soon enough, and it began to look like a more typical kind of year for Oregon and the Willamette Valley.

During bloom, we had some rain that affected bloom across the valley, leading to expected low yields. Lower yields can lead to higher quality fruit with more concentrated flavors, producing better quality wines.

At the beginning of September, Oregon was hit with extreme easterly winds - some measured up to 50 mph. The high winds fueled and spread ongoing wildfires, and the entire state was covered by a thick plume of smoke with some areas having hazardous smoke conditions for almost a week.