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Purple Hands

Cody Wright, whose father, Ken, is a living Willamette Valley legend, quickly hit his stride with Purple Hands, his own project that he founded in 2005 at the age of 25. Drawing fruit from some of the Willamette Valley's most esteemed vineyards, Cody is crafting full-flavored, energetic Pinots. His 2019s are highly successful and probably the best wines that he has yet produced. He made a mere 250 cases of wine in 2005 but now produces along the lines of 5,000 cases per vintage, at his own facility in Dundee. Whole clusters come into play often, but percentages vary widely depending on vintage and vineyard. New oak is not shunned, though I rarely find it intrusive, while the concentration of the wines from recent vintages makes them more than capable of absorbing it as they age, which they will. The 2019s here are highly successful and show a compelling blend of depth and energy. I have no doubt that they will develop positively in the cellar.

Josh Reynolds, February 2022



92pts
PURPLE HANDS PINOT NOIR
DUNDEE HILLS
WICHMANN VINEYARD
2019

Vivid ruby. Oak-spiced red and dark berry scents are complemented by musky floral and herb accents and take on a smoky nuance as the wine opens up. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering appealingly sweet black raspberry and cherry cola flavors that deepen through the back half. Shows very good energy and cut on the persistent finish, which features tangy cherry pit and mocha flourishes. 35% new French oak.



92pts
PURPLE HANDS PINOT NOIR
DUNDEE HILLS
KROPF VINEYARD
2019

Deep, glistening red. Expressive red and blue fruit, floral and spicecake scents show fine clarity and pick up vanilla and cola nuances with air. Sappy and energetic in style, offering concentrated boysenberry, bitter cherry and spicecake flavors braced by a spine of juicy acidity. The spicy note carries through the long, subtly sweet finish, which is framed by slowly building tannins. 40% new French oak.



93pts
PURPLE HANDS PINOT NOIR
YAMHILL-CARLTON
SHEA VINEYARD
2019

Glistening ruby-red. Pungent red and blue fruits, vanilla, exotic spices, candied flowers and a hint of smokiness on the deeply perfumed nose. In a lush yet surprisingly lively style, offering palate-coating raspberry, boysenberry and fruitcake flavors sharpened by a hint of spicy white pepper. Closes impressively long and subtly tannic, with the floral and spice notes repeating. 35% new French oak.



93pts
PURPLE HANDS PINOT NOIR
DUNDEE HILLS
LATCHKEY VINEYARD
2019

Shimmering ruby. Aromas of cherry cola, boysenberry and pungent flowers, along with mocha and baking spice nuances in the background. Appealingly sweet and expansive on the palate, offering juicy red and blue fruit preserve, rose pastille and mocha flavors that acquire a spicy aspect with air. Well-concentrated but lively as well, showing fine definition on a persistent finish shaped by supple, even tannins. 35% new French oak.



93pts
PURPLE HANDS PINOT NOIR
DUNDEE HILLS
HAAKON/LENAI VINEYARD
2019

Translucent violet. Spice-tinged cherry cola, black raspberry and floral scents pick up suggestions of vanilla and woodsmoke with air. Juicy and energetic on the palate, offering sweet red and dark berry flavors that deepen and slowly spread out through the back half. In a generous yet lively style, showing fine clarity and spicy lift on the long, gently tannic finish, which echoes the berry and floral notes. 35% new French oak.



94pts
PURPLE HANDS PINOT NOIR
WILLAMETTE VALLEY
FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD
2019

Bright ruby. Vibrant, spice-tinged red and blue fruit aromas are complemented by hints of succulent flowers, exotic spices, cola and woodsmoke. Sappy and sharply defined on the palate, offering intense boysenberry, raspberry, cherry cola and candied violet flavors supported by an undercurrent of juicy acidity. The floral and spice notes recur on a long, penetrating finish that features discreet tannins and a resonating blue fruit note. 35% new French oak.