



VINEYARD PROFILE: RUSSELL-GROOTERS VINEYARD

– CARLTON CELLARS' ESTATE VINEYARD –



Planted on the Savannah Ridge in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in 2003, Russell-Groeters Vineyard, or RGV, is the estate vineyard for our winery, Carlton Cellars. It is one of the three vineyards in *Roads End Oregon Pinot Noir* since 2006, the sole source for our estate wine, *Cape Lookout Oregon Pinot Noir*, and accounts for half the fruit in our *Seven Devils Willamette Valley Pinot Noir*. RGV shares the hill with vineyards of Soter, Ken Wright, 11311, and Mike Bayliss.

- Owners:** Dave Groeters & Robin Russell
Acreage: 22 acres
First planted: 2003
Varieties:
- Pinot Noir:
 - 777 Dijon on *Riparia Gloire* rootstock
 - Wädenswil and 828 Pommard, on both 3309 and 101-14 rootstocks
 - Pinot Gris; Pinot Blanc; Sauvignon Blanc; Auxerrois Blanc

Elevation, exposure and soil characteristics of vineyard:

elevation: 200-475 ft

exposure: S/SW

slope: 0-15%

soil: Wellsdale soil, distinguished by reddish yellow, light brown and grayish brown mottled colors in the subsoil arising from the particular interaction of rain patterns, soluble soil iron, and the composition of the interface between soil and bedrock layers. There, soil saturation zones develop as a result of the percolation of waters through the hilltop soils and into the slowly permeable sedimentary rock. Marine tuffaceous sandstone and siltstone constitute the underlying rock. The properties of well-managed Wellsdale soils encourage deep rooting.

Flavor profile:

In Pinot Noir, our Wellsdale soils are associated with generous black fruit — black cherry, blackberry, plum, cassis. To this profile, our vines add bright red fruit such as red cherry and strawberry. Also prevalent are rich savory and baking spice notes.