

## OREGON WILLAMETTE VALLEY

### EVESHAM WOOD SALEM



**OVERVIEW** | Nestled on a lower terrace of the Eola-Amity Hills' eastern slope in Oregon's Willamette Valley, Evesham Wood's east facing 13 acre estate vineyard, Le Puits Sec (named for the dry well located in the vineyard), was planted in 1986. The soils are primarily basalt-derived volcanic and very well-drained, thus yielding pinot noir with great structure and at the same time aromatic and with finesse. As well, chardonnay and the Alsatian varieties thrive in this micro-climate, producing intensely varietal yet subtle wines.

**VINEYARD AREA:** 13 acres

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 3700 cases

**TOP SITES:** *Le Puits Sec*

**SOIL TYPES:** *basalt-derived volcanic soils*

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** *pinot noir, chardonnay, pinot gris, gewurztraminer*

The winery is named by its owners, Russ and Mary Raney, in honor of England's Cotswold Hills' "Vale of Evesham," where they had traveled at one time. There they found quaint rolling hills of their fruit growing region to be not unlike much of the Willamette Valley. The "Wood" part of the name derives from the small stand of woods which overlook the estate vineyard.

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | Evesham Wood obtained organic certification for both their estate vineyard and winery from Oregon Tilth in 2000. In addition, they are charter members of the Deep Roots Coalition, an advocacy group for wines produced exclusively from non-irrigated vines. Since 2005 Evesham Wood has been associated with the international organic/biodynamic organization, "Renaissance des Appellations," whose members are required to adhere to rigid organic and quality standards.

One of Russ' greatest influences in his winemaking is the renowned Burgundian Henri Jayer of Vosne-Romanée. He was introduced to Jayer's wines back when he was a wine retailer and started corresponding with him. Jayer was very helpful and provided information on his winemaking techniques. Eventually the two met and Russ learned a series of lessons about berry selection, pre-fermentation maceration, Jayer's racking technique, which involves racking from the end of the barrel instead of the top helping to remove sediment from the unfiltered wines.

**WINES** | Blanc du Puits Sec - a blend of pinot gris and gewurztraminer from the estate vineyard.

Chardonnay Willamett Valley

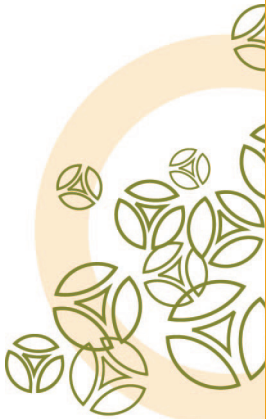
Chardonnay Le Puits Sec

Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

Pinot Noir Eola Amity Hills

Pinot Noir Le Puits Sec

Pinot Noir Cuvee J - produced from an isolated yeast strain from the sediment in a bottle of Jayer's wine.



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