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Bethel Heights
VINEYARD

Est. 1977



BETHEL HEIGHTS VINEYARD WAS ESTABLISHED BY TWO FAMILIES IN 1977, IN THE EOLA HILLS OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY. TWIN BROTHERS TED AND TERRY CASTEEL AND THEIR PARTNERS PAT DUDLEY AND MARILYN WEBB DECIDED TO TURN A LOVE FOR WINE AND A FASCINATION WITH WINEMAKING INTO A LIFE-CHANGING CAREER.

United by their interest in wine in 1977, Ted, Pat, Terry, and Marilyn, together with Pat's sister Barbara Dudley, bought 75 promising-looking acres northwest of Salem and started a new life with a very big dream.

For the first 30 years Ted was responsible for managing the vineyards and Terry was the winemaker. Pat and Marilyn shared responsibilities for marketing and business needs.

The Bethel Heights team has now expanded to include second generation leadership and ownership, bringing youthful energy, talent and passion into the blend. The new additions to the team are Ben and Jon Casteel (Terry and Marilyn's sons) and Mimi and Jessie Casteel (Ted and Pat's daughters), who all grew up at Bethel Heights before venturing into the world.

The heart of Bethel Heights Vineyard is Pinot noir. Our original estate vineyard was planted in 1977 and today three-fourths, or 37 acres, is planted to Pinot noir. Justice Vineyard, planted in 1999 adjacent to our estate, added another 20 acres of Pinot noir for the estate blend starting in 2003.

In addition to Pinot noir, we also make an exciting selection white wines: Estate Grown Chardonnay, unoaked Chardonnay, and Estate Grown Pinot blanc, all from Bethel Heights

Vineyard, as well as Pinot gris, Riesling, and Grüner veltliner sourced from several Willamette Valley and southern Oregon vineyards. Our winemaker, Ben Casteel, has a great interest and passion for aromatic white wines and each is given the same attention to detail in the vineyard and the winery that we give to Pinot noir.

Sustainability is also a big part of life at Bethel Heights Vineyard. Ted Casteel is one of the co-founders of Low Impact Viticulture and Enology (LIVE) in Oregon, and the Casteel family has been instrumental in establishing LIVE Certification throughout Oregon. Bethel Heights estate wines also carry the Oregon Certified Sustainable Wine (OCSW) logo to communicate the shared principles of the Oregon wine industry's commitment to responsible, sustainable vineyard and winery practices. Bethel Heights was also one of the first vineyards to be certified Salmon Safe. As a contribution to clean watersheds, this certification represents our commitment to helping native salmon have the safest water possible to live and reproduce.

At Bethel Heights Vineyard, every bottle of wine that we produce reflects our deep commitment to sustainability, family, and the special place we call home. We are proud of our history and our culture and look forward to extending our passion for wine and wine-making for generations to come.