

2018 Boedecker Cellars Pinot Noir Stewart

A blend of fruit from Cherry Grove Vineyard, Shea Vineyard, and Hershey Vineyards, the 2018 Pinot Noir Stewart displays a spicy and floral character, with notes of fresh pine, cherry liqueur, and cinnamon. Ripe and medium-bodied, with ripe present tannins, good energy throughout, and notes of mossy earth on the finish, it has broader shoulders and is still hanging on to a ripe yet firm, almost Nebbiolo-like tannin structure which I personally enjoy. Give it another couple of years and drink over the following 6-8.

Helmed by husband and wife duo Athena and Stewart Boedecker, this urban winery in Northwest Portland is making some very solid wines indeed, with some impressive longevity, as indicated by the inclusion of two wines in this tasting from 2004. As they over-vintage their wines, the 2019s are their current releases. The Athena and Stewart bottlings give each of the partners their own creative freedom to produce two separate wines from the same vintage, tailored to their own tastes, and offer a fun way to explore what the vintage has to offer.

- Audrey Frick (9/17/2023)