

Longplay

Lia's Vineyard * Chehalem Mountains

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Groove Club Shipment #21 - What's in the Box?

This shipment welcomes the 2019 vintage in "preview mode." The vintage was hailed as a "return to normalcy" with a cool, wet spring followed by a warm (but not particularly hot) summer and a cool fall with rains complicating the harvest schedule. We picked the grapes for these wines on September 27, and October 6th and 7th. These wines aren't yet at their prime drinking window, but it won't hurt if you drink some now and save some for later!

Longplay 2019 Pinot Noir, Lia's Vineyard (2 bottles)

This wine is about forty percent 115 clone. 115 has been called the workhorse of the Willamette Valley because it is a very reliable grape that is capable of producing a "complete" wine on its own. The remainder is composed of Wädenswil, Pommard, Mariafeld, 777 and 114. It is a tasty wine that has some Old World notes. A proud standard-bearer for the Longplay brand. 687 cases produced.

Longplay 2019 Pinot Noir, "Jory Bench Reserve," Lia's Vineyard (2 bottles)

As usual, this bottling features a combination of Block 1, my favorite block of Pommard selection, and Blocks 4 and 5, old Wädenswil planted in 1990. I wound up adding a little bit of wine from some coferments and cobarrels that had a bit of 115. These just added a bit more brightness and lift to the wines and actually made them more consistent in flavor and texture with past vintages. It bears an uncanny resemblance to its 2016 analog. 177 cases produced.

Longplay 2019 Pinot Noir, "Hi-Tone," Lia's Vineyard (1 bottle)

This wine highlights the old Wädenswil wines from Lia's vineyard. I included half a barrel from a cofement with 115. I love this wine for its fruit that is balanced with some subtle vegetal notes that add intrigue to the fruit and floral notes. This wine has no new oak and one once-filled barrel. 86 cases produced.

Longplay 2020 Chardonnay, "Jory Slope," Lia's Vineyard (1 bottle)

Yes, 2020. We picked this during the smoky times, but the beauty of Chardonnay is that the smoke doesn't show in the wine. A return to the balanced Longplay Chardonnay style with floral notes, tropical fruit and a clean finish. Just 30 cases produced.