EVESHAM WOOD

The Wine

Designation:	Illahe Vineyard
Vintage:	2016
Produced:	200 cases
ABV:	13%
Released:	Autumn 2018

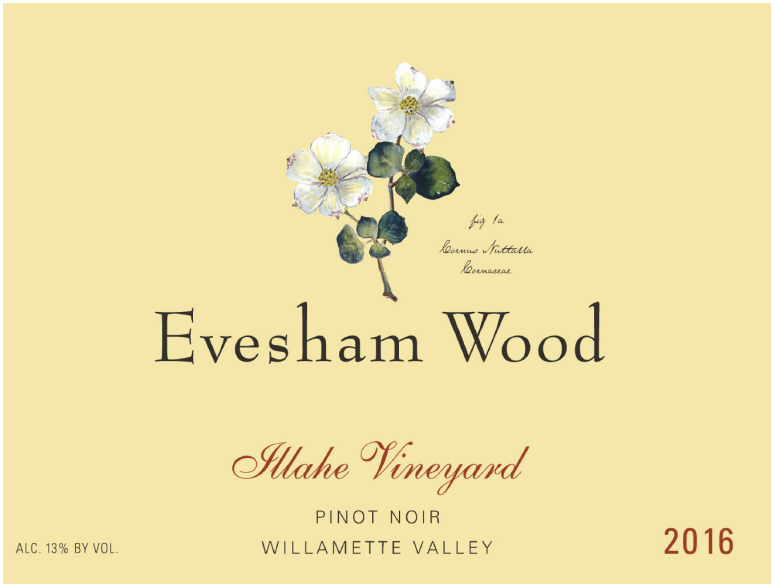
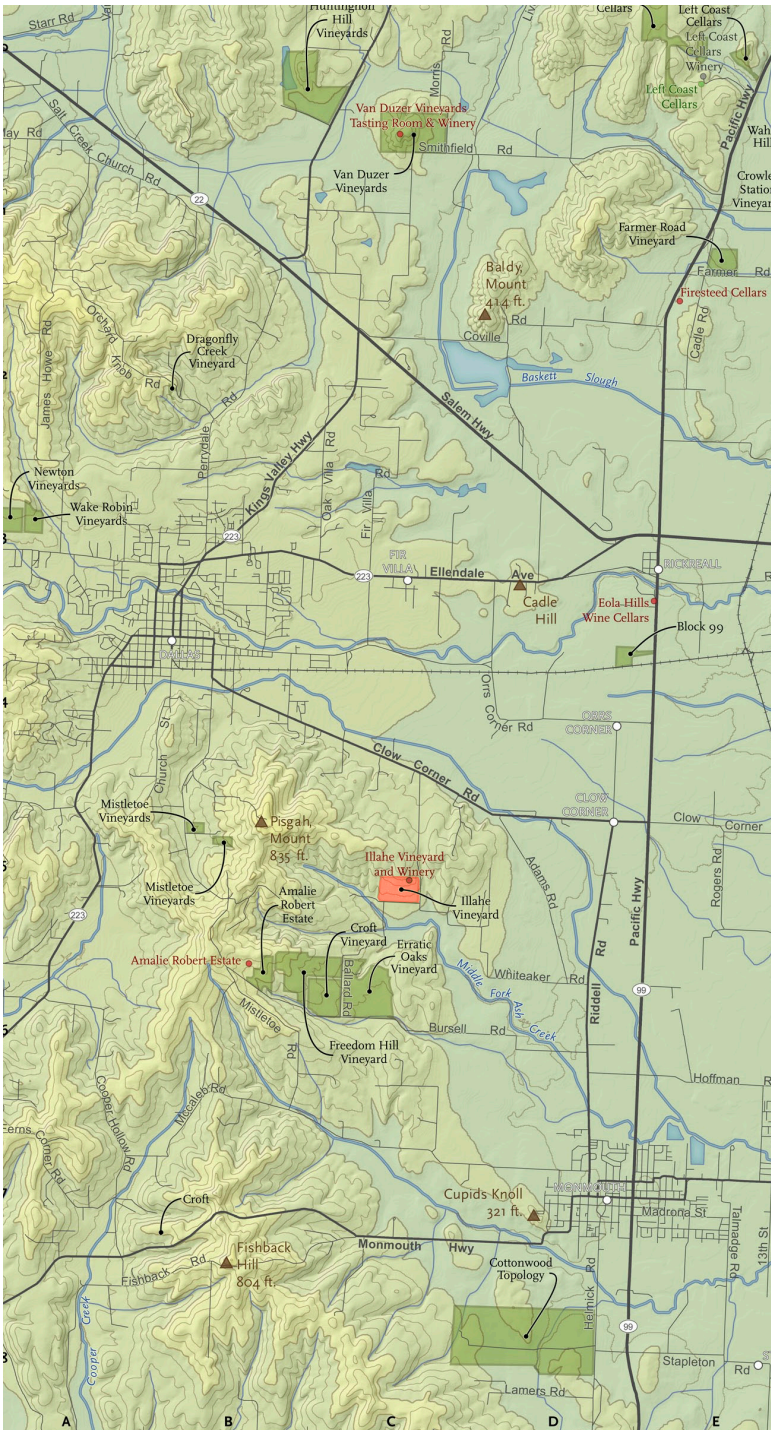
The Place

AVA:	Willamette Valley
Vineyard:	Illahe
Vine Age:	15 years
Density:	2300 vines per acre
Soils:	Willakenzie & Bellpine
Elevation:	250-440'
Exposure:	South
Harvested:	Mid-September, 2016
Farming:	Using organic practices for our blocks, and dry-farmed
Certification:	Sustainable (LIVE & Salmon Safe)

The Method

Yeast:	Proprietary "Jayer"
Extraction:	Twice-daily pumpover for three days followed by twice-daily punchdown
Cuvaison:	21 days
Elevage:	18 months
Oak Regimen:	French barrels, ~10% new

Winemaker Notes:

2016 was another in a string of growing seasons with very warm summers. Fortunately, at the end we had a bit of a cool down which helped preserve acidity and structure. However that cool spell did not last long which forced us to pick almost all of our fruit in a single week since most vineyards seemed to ripen almost simultaneously. The resulting wines are significantly more forward than the 2015's and show very nice structure and ageability, with a core of ripe, plump fruit.

This vintage of Illahe shows the usual forward fruit, but with a distinct savory note weaving through. Mushroom, dried rosemary and berry pie.
- Erin Nuccio