EVESHAM WOOD

The Wine

Designation:	La Grive Bleue
Vintage:	2017
Produced:	145 cases
ABV:	13%
Released:	Spring 2019

The Place

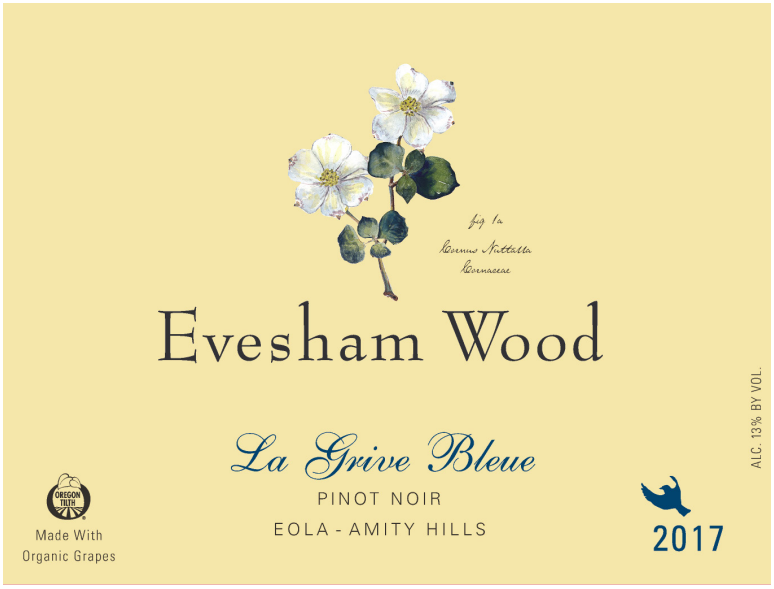
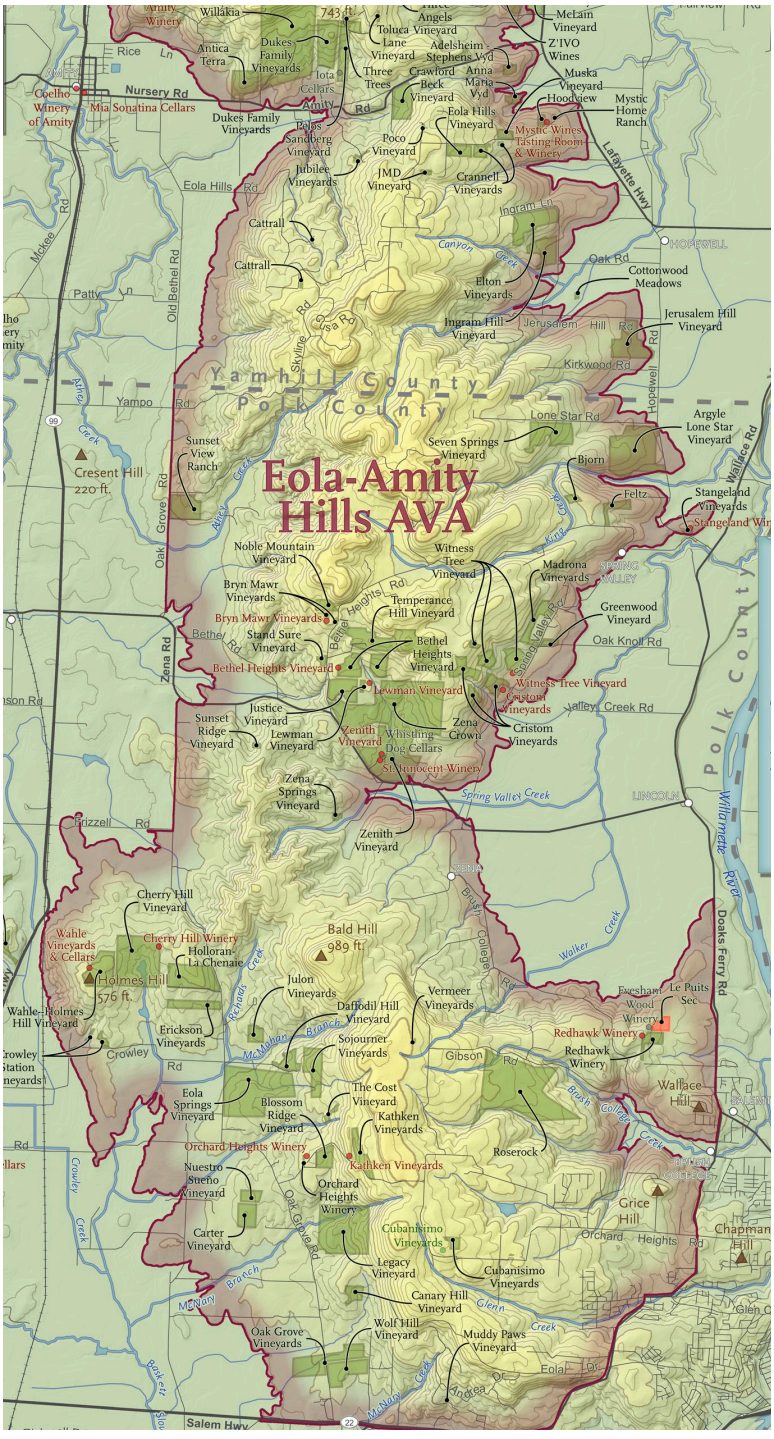
AVA:	Eola-Amity Hills
Vineyard:	La Grive Bleue
Planted:	1996
Density:	2300 vines per acre
Soil:	Jory & Woodburn
Elevation:	272-341''
Exposure:	East-southeast
Harvested:	Mid-September, 2017
Farming:	Dry-farmed using organic practices
Certification:	Organic (Oregon Tilth)

The Method

Yeast:	Proprietary "Jayer"
Extraction:	Twice-daily pumpover for three days followed by twice-daily punchdown
Cuvaison:	21 days
Elevage:	16 months
Oak Regimen:	French barrels, ~10% new

Winemaker Notes:

This year's Spring release wonderfully demonstrates 2017's continuation of the cooling off that we saw in 2016 and 2015 from the record set in 2014 (i.e. in GDD heat-summation terms 2014 was at 2858, the 2016 and 2017 vintages were just below 2600, and 2018 was closer to 2300). This isn't to say that we're having a mini-iceage—2017 was still about 15% above the 30y historical average—but we're having a string of balanced, zesty, and cool-toned, vintages!

Unlike our 2016's 96c, yields were closer to normal in 2017 on our estate 1.5 acre of Dijon clone Pinot Noir planted in 1996. Those subtle Dijon clone qualities are quite evident this year with raspberry and dusty rose. A delicious mouthfeel is beautifully balanced between acidity and lushness.

- Erin Nuccio