EVESHAM WOOD

The Wine

Designation:	Mahonia Vineyard
Vintage:	2018
Produced:	175 cases
ABV:	13%
Released:	Autumn 2020

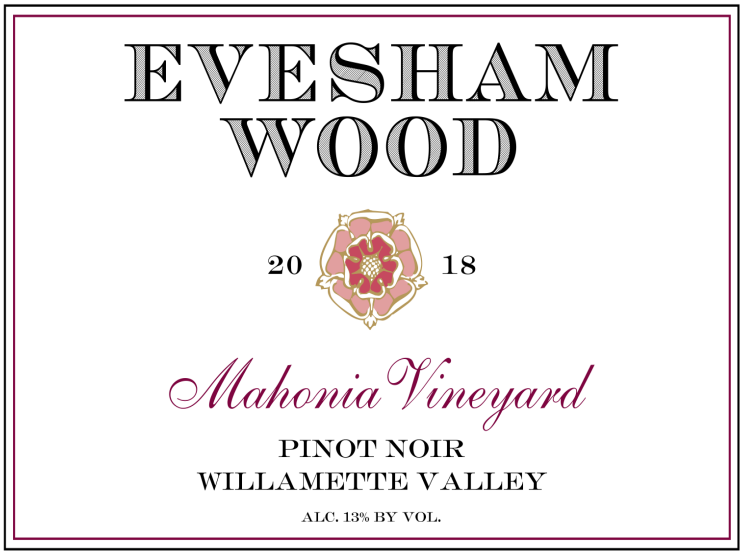
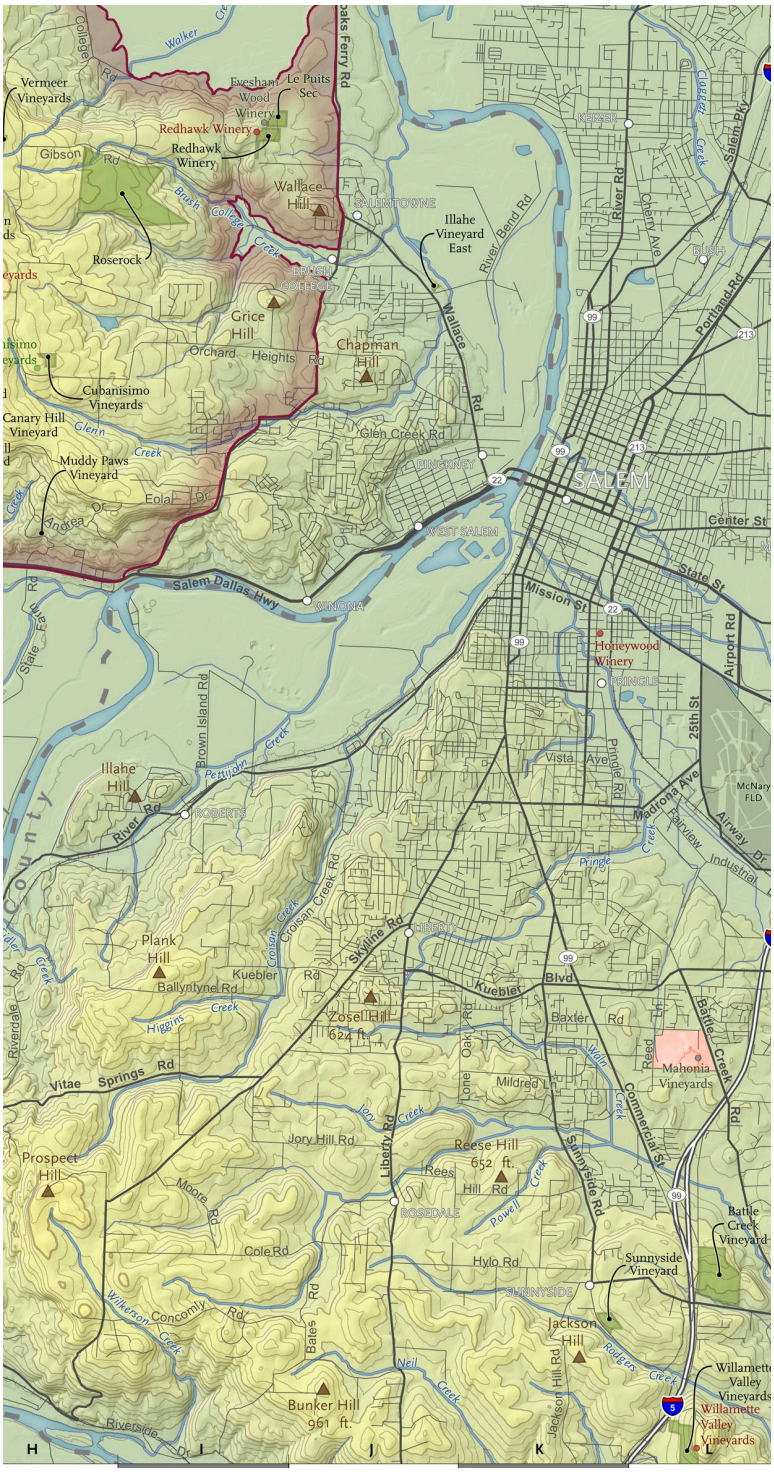
The Place

AVA:	Willamette Valley
Vineyard:	Mahonia
Vines Planted:	1985
Density:	1245 vines per acre
Soil:	Nekia & Jory
Elevation:	450'
Exposure:	Southerly
Harvested:	Mid-October, 2018
Farming:	Dry-farmed using carbon-neutral, organic practices
Certification:	Sustainable (LIVE & Salmon Safe)

The Method

Yeast:	Proprietary "Jayer"
Fruit Mgt.	Completely destemmed, 45% crushed
Extraction:	Twice-daily pumpover for three days followed by twice-daily punchdown
Cuvaison:	21 days
Elevage:	20 months
Oak Regimen:	French barrels, 15% new

Winemaker Notes:

2018's growing-degree day total of close to 2300 misleads our expectation of the wines and highlights the difficulties of using it to describe this year from that. (For comparison the 2016 and 2017 vintages were 15% warmer than the 30y average and just below 2600.) The last vintage that was in this range was 2012. The wines are richly hued and densely packed with tannin and concentration. If it weren't for the wines' brimming acid you'd definitely expect them to be from a very warm vintage.

This shows 2018's typical richness with densely-packed red berries and stone fruit with layers of savor and spice. There's plenty of verve and detail its expanse with a structure that is still a quite firm. In a word: youthful.