EVESHAM WOOD

The Wine

Designation:	Mahonia Vineyard
Vintage:	2019
Produced:	25 cases
ABV:	13%
Released:	Autumn 2021

The Place

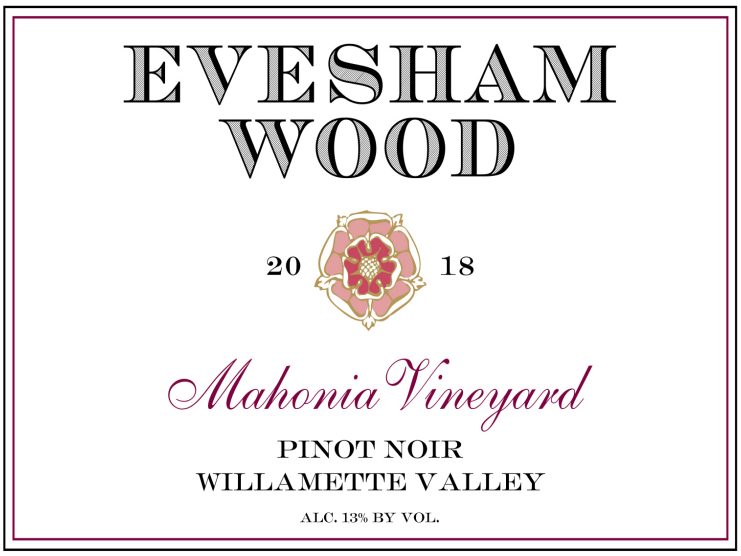
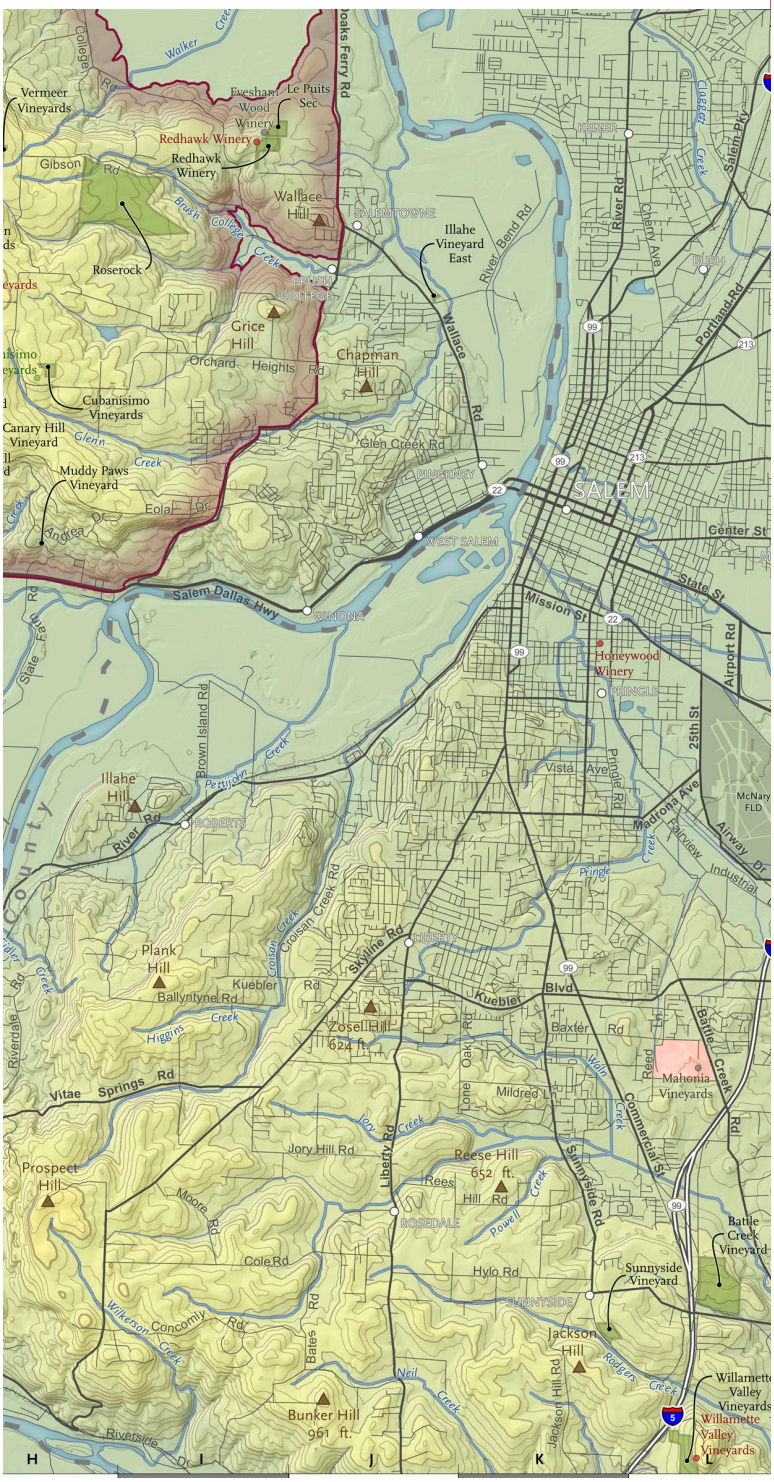
AVA:	Willamette Valley
Vineyard:	Mahonia
Vines Planted:	1985
Density:	1245 vines per acre
Soil:	Nekia & Jory
Elevation:	450'
Exposure:	Southerly
Harvested:	Mid-October, 2019
Farming:	Dry-farmed using carbon-neutral, organic practices
Certification:	Sustainable (LIVE & Salmon Safe)

The Method

Yeast:	Proprietary "Jayer"
Fruit Mgt.	Completely destemmed, 45% crushed
Extraction:	Twice-daily pumpover for three days followed by twice-daily punchdown
Cuvaison:	25 days
Elevage:	20 months
Oak Regimen:	French barrels, 15% new

Winemaker Notes:

2019 is another vintage that began with a warmer than average Summer but ended on a cooler than average (measured across 2004-18) harvest. It resulted in a vintage character in line with 2017 or (our) 2013 — built on poise rather than broad shoulders.

While we've worked with Mahonia for decades, this was the first year that it is our monopoly and going forward we'll be helping with farming and using all of its fruit! Mahonia began a transition to organic viticulture in 2019, and as happens sometimes when minor use of conventional treatments cease the homeostasis of the vineyard shifts and issues can arise. This time it was mites and 11 acres of pinot noir was reduced to four barrels of which one was bottled.

- Erin Nuccio