



THIS FRUIT COMES FROM A SMALL 9-ACRE VINEYARD NEAR EUGENE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY THAT WAS PLANTED IN 1982. THE FIX FAMILY ARE WONDERFUL FARMERS WHO HAVE PINOT NOIR, CHARDONNAY, AND PINOT MEUNIER ON THEIR PROPERTY — FROM WHICH THEY PRODUCE SPARKLING WINE.

2018 WAS A VINTAGE THAT BEGAN WITH AN EARLY BLOOM AND SET FOLLOWED BY A WARM SUMMER THAT REALLY SPED UP THE VINTAGE. IT WASN'T A TERRIBLY EARLY HARVEST BY OREGON STANDARDS AND RAINSONG VINEYARD REMAINED BALANCED WITH RIPE FLAVORS AND STURDY ACIDITY.

THE VINEYARD WAS PICKED ON SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>. AFTER IT WAS DELIVERED IN AN OLD LONG-BED PICKUP TRUCK WITH A TRAILER I DESTEMMED IT INTO FERMENTERS AND PUT THEM IN THE SUN. NATIVE FERMENTATION BEGAN QUICKLY AND A TYPICAL REGIMEN OF GENTLE PUNCHES COMMENCED UNTIL FERMENTATION WAS COMPLETE ON OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>. I BARRELED INTO NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK, ALLOWED MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION, AND ADDED SULFUR SOON AFTER. THE WINE WAS HAND BOTTLED AND LABELLED IN AUGUST.