

IN 2019 I BEGAN TO BUY GAMAY FROM JUBILEE VINEYARD — FARMED BY THE SUPERFARMER — JESSICA CORTELL. IT IS A FIFTEEN YEAR OLD ORGANIC VINEYARD AND THE FRUIT IS ALWAYS FLAWLESS. 2020 WAS A GORGEOUS GROWING SEASON, BUT OF COURSE 10 DAYS OF BAD SMOKE EXPOSURE PUT EVERYTHING AT RISK AND EOLA-AMITY HILLS WAS GROUND ZERO. AMAZINGLY, HOWEVER, THE SITE IS ON THE WESTERN SLOPE OF THE AVA AND IT WAS ALMOST AS IF THE SMOKE HIT THE EAST SIDE OF THE SLOPE AND FLEW RIGHT OVER JUBILEE VINEYARD. LUCKY ME.

I DID TAKE PRECAUTIONS. THE WINE SAW NO STEMS AND THE FERMENTS WERE TREATED VERY GENTLY. IT WAS AN EAGER FERMENT TAKING UNDER TWO WEEKS UNTIL DRY. I WAS ALSO VERY GENTLE ONCE IT WAS TIME TO PRESS. IT SAW 9 MONTHS OF AGING IN NEUTRAL OAK BARRELS AND WAS NEITHER FINED NOR FILTERED.

THE RESULTING WINE IS TYPICAL GAMAY WITH A GREAT EARTHINESS AND STRUCTURE.