

VAN:DUZER

V I N E Y A R D S



FOUNDED

1998 BY CARL & MARILYNN THOMA

APPELLATION

WILLAMETTE VALLEY - VAN DUZER CORRIDOR

AC REAG E PLANTED

83.7 ACRES

FIRST PLANTED

1983

VARIETALS

PINOT NOIR, PINOT GRIS, PINOT BLANC
CHARDONNAY, SYRAH

WINEMAKER

FLO RENT-PIERRE MERLIER

VINEYARD MANAGER

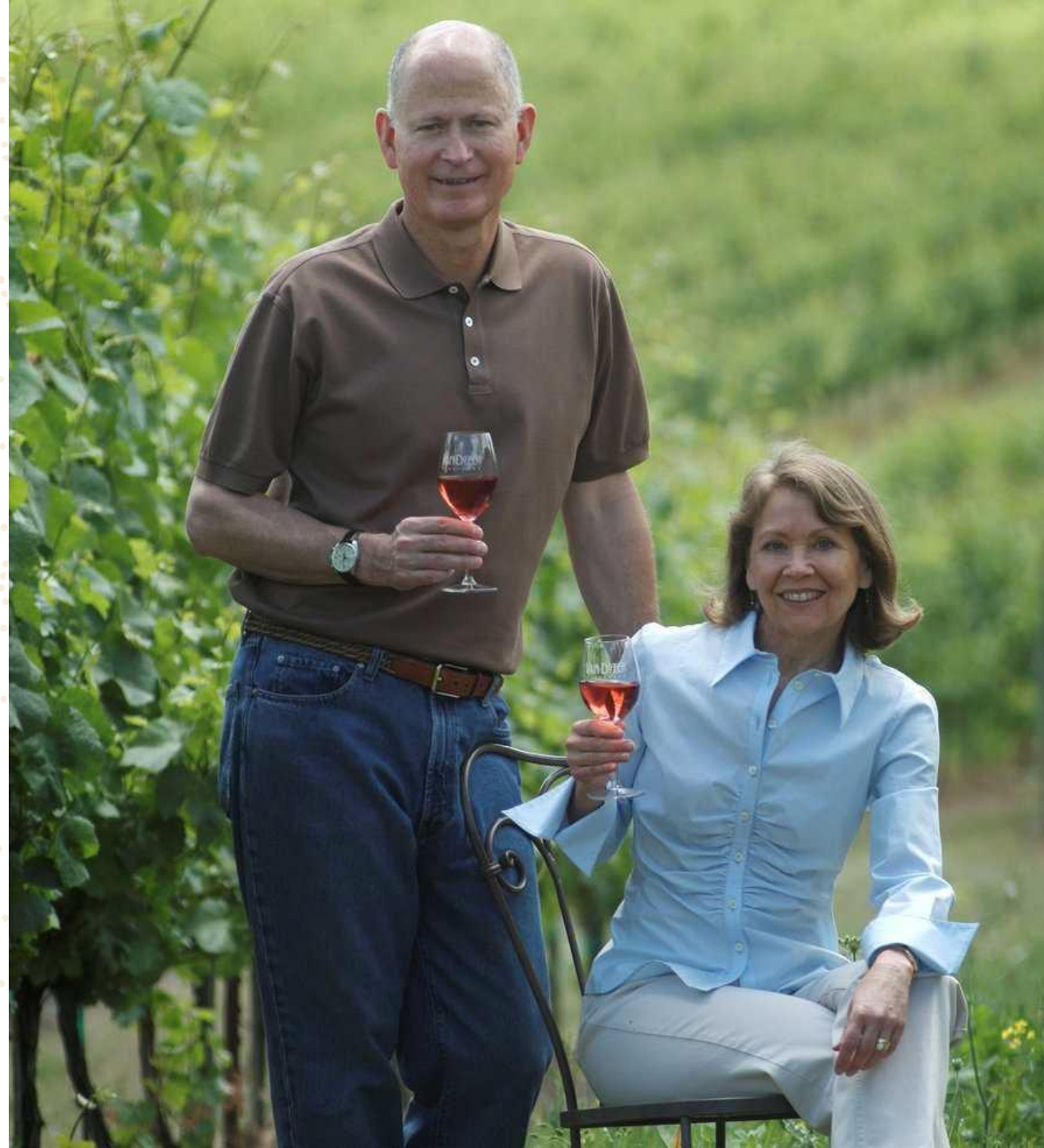
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CASE PRODUCTION

13,000

CARL AND MARILYNN THOMA

- Carl and Marilyn Thoma were among the first in 1998 to choose the foothills at the mouth of the Van Duzer Corridor to create their own family estate.
- They assumed ownership of a property unlike any other, with vineyards at the mouth of a breathtaking geological phenomenon, and winery perched aside a knoll surrounded on three sides by vines.
- Through the years, the Thomas have stayed true to their original vision, focusing their efforts on three specific hallmarks.
 1. Thoughtfully curated rootstocks and clones.
 2. A state-of-the-art winemaking facility.
 3. A winemaking philosophy that respects the integrity of the vineyard.



FLOR ENT MER LIER

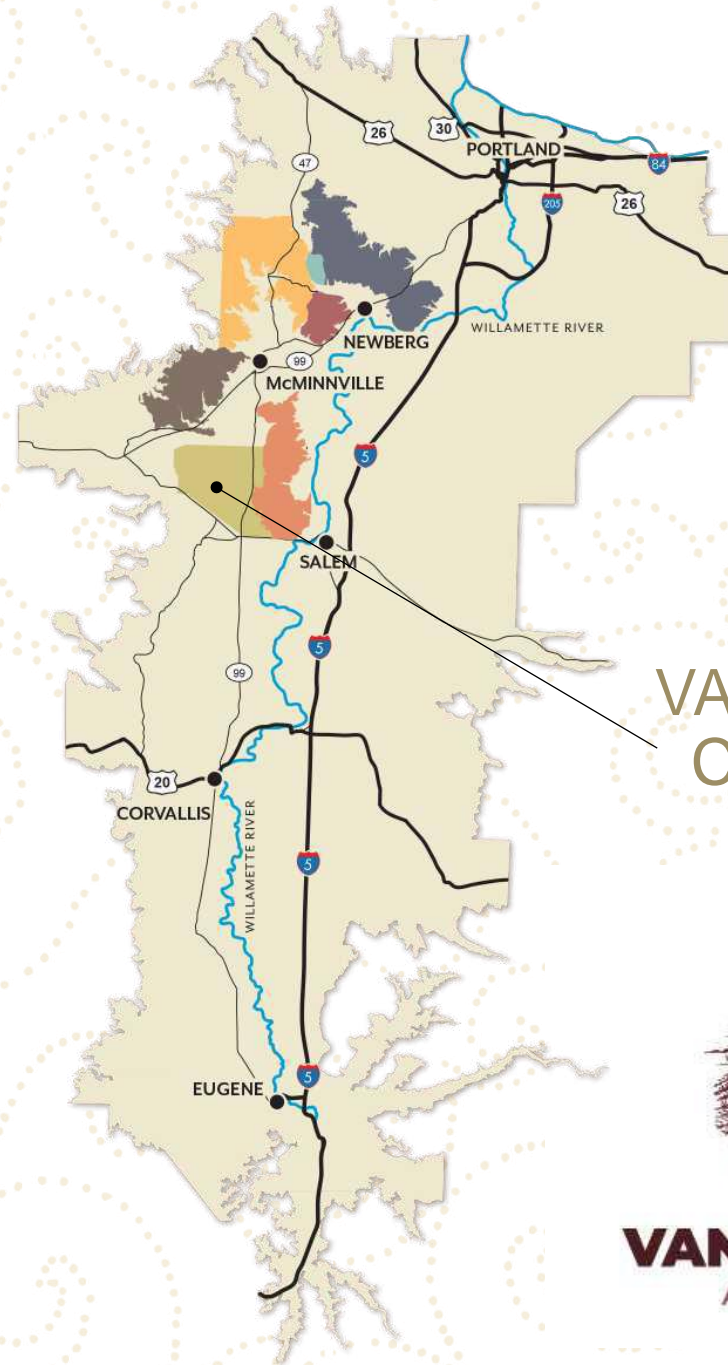
- Florent Merlier proudly heads Van Duzer’s winemaking program, creating elegant, vibrant blends that he feels can only be developed in such a unique microclimate.
- A native of Burgundy, the physics and chemistry undergraduate was captivated by winemaking when he helped a good friend operate a 40-acre family domaine in Burgundy.
- Florent received a Diploma of Viticulture from the University of Dijon before relocating to the U.S. pursuing a career in winemaking.
- “Flo” has been making world class Oregon wines for the last 20 years.



VAN DUZER CORRIDOR AVA

- Van Duzer Corridor AVA was granted official status December 14, 2018.
- The ruling defines the unique grape-growing region within the Willamette Valley characterized by coastal winds that funnel from the Pacific ocean.
- This wind stimulus contributes to finished wine quality by generating thicker skins, deeper color and a more generous tannin structure.
- Van Duzer Vineyards was among the first founded in the namesake region, with plantings as early as 1983.

“We were taken with the potential of this area from the beginning. The Van Duzer Corridor AVA designation confirms what we’ve believed all along and will bring continued recognition as a premier site for growing world-class Pinot Noir.” – Carl Thoma



VAN DUZER
CORRIDOR



VAN DUZER CORRIDOR[®]
AMERICAN VITICULTURAL AREA



VAN DUZER CORRIDOR AVA IN THE PRESS

“The Van Duzer Corridor AVA in Oregon’s Willamette Valley has been officially approved by the TTB, the US regulatory body. Benefits of the wind include reduced disease pressure thanks to the drying effects, but it also tends to result in smaller yields and thicker grape skins, thus leading to wines of greater concentration and structure.” -Elaine Chukan Brown, 12/16/2018

“Approved in late 2018, Van Duzer Corridor is the valley's newest subappellation. The AVA, which takes its name from a natural break in Oregon's coastal mountains, is a triangular region of low, rolling hills. The soils are typically shallow and well-drained, and have high silt and clay levels, which also help maintain natural acidity as the vines ripen.” - 1/18/19

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Wine Spectator

STEWARDS OF THE LAND

- The highest level of fruit quality is achieved through soil health, biodiversity in the vineyard and responsible canopy management.
- Diverse cover crops help stabilize the soil and replenish nutrients, benefitting the overall health of the vines.
- Van Duzer Vineyards is certified by LIVE (Low Input Viticulture and Enology), an Oregon organization that evaluates vineyards and wineries against a rigorous set of international standards, as well as Salmon Safe and IOBC.
- We work diligently with the National Fish and Wildlife Association to help preserve the natural Oak Savanna on the east side of the property, pruning it naturally with a herd of sheep.



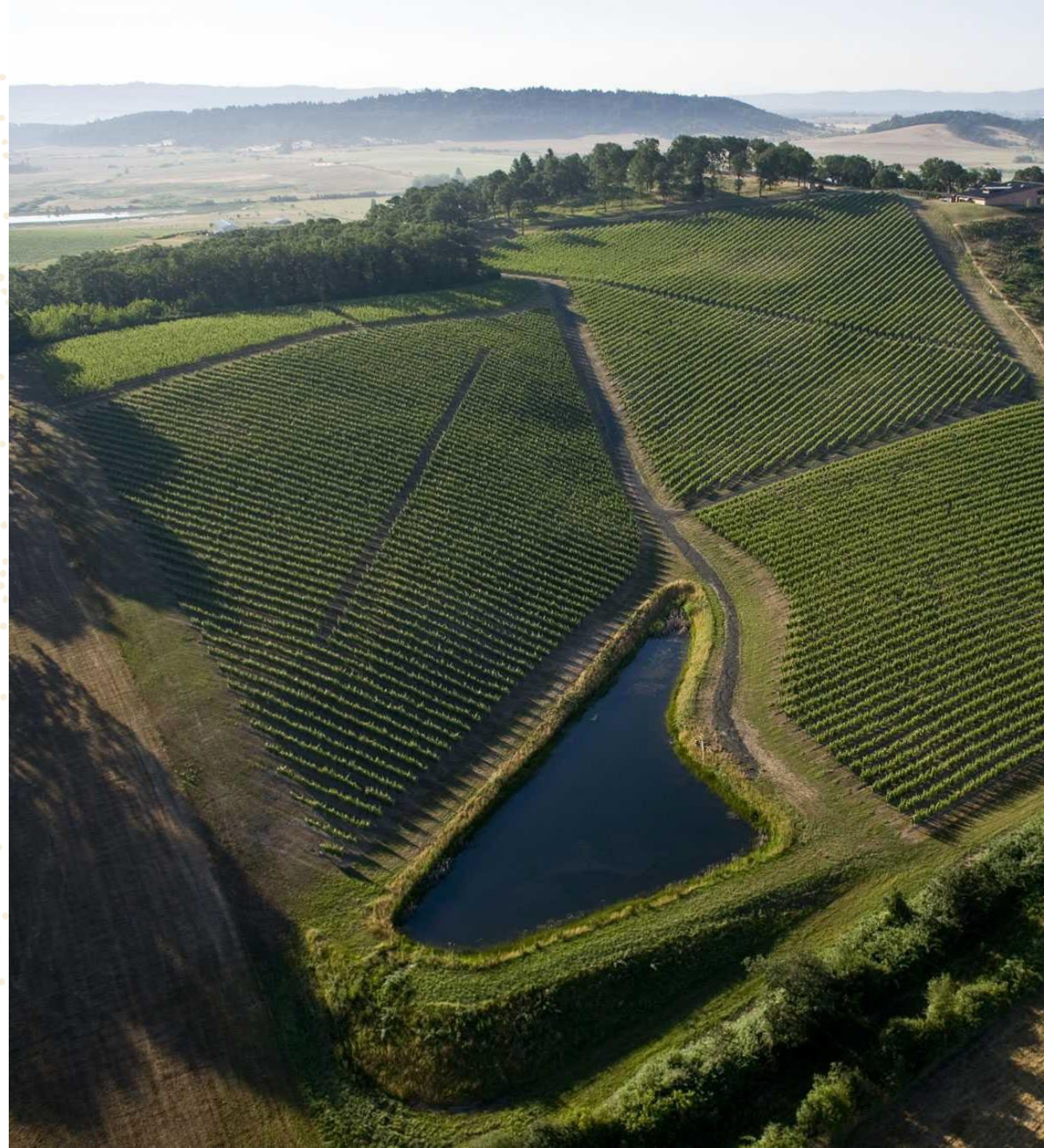
OUR SYMBOL

- The winery selected a zephyr, the gentle west wind of Greek mythology, as a symbol of the unique climate.
- According to Greek legend, zephyr and other wind gods were commanded by Aeolus, king of the winds, for which the Eola Hills wine region east of Van Duzer Vineyards is named.
- Van Duzer Vineyard's goddess of the west wind, Zephyra, was brought to life by famed illustrator John Martinez.



THE VINEYARDS AND THE WINE

- Planted around a gently sloping knoll, Van Duzer Vineyards not only benefits from lower overall Valley temperatures, but also from its panoramic hillside elevations and well-drained loamy soils.
- Cool afternoon winds keep the vineyard temperatures cooler in the summer, extending the growing season during the critical late stages of the ripening process.
- The resulting longer hang-time and slower maturation of the grapes assure the complex and balanced development of acids, sugars, flavors and aromas.
- In the glass, the bright fruit character, soft structural tannins and elegant balance is a testimony to Van Duzer Vineyards extraordinary combination of wind, temperature and soil at its unique Oregon location.



THE CLASSICS COLLECTION

- Willamette Valley Rose, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir – distributor driver wines.
- These are honest, expressive wines, moderately priced for everyday drinking, retail features, and by the glass.
- You'll find our original art deco inspired label showcased here.
- The majority of the fruit for these wines is from our Van Duzer Estate Vineyard.



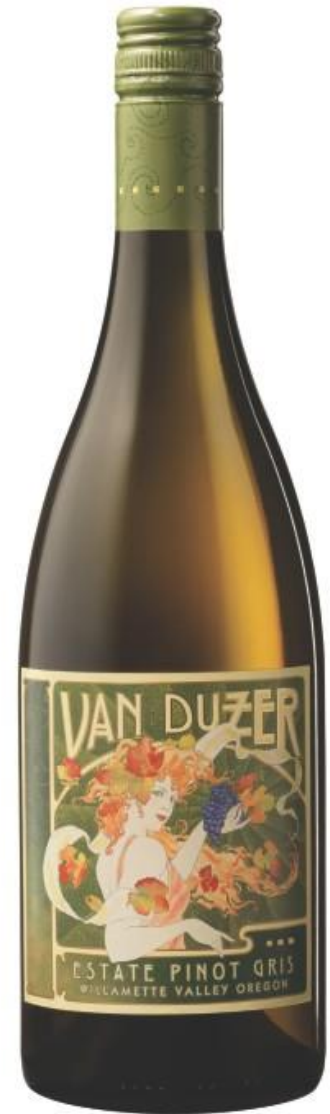
WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT GRIS

- 100% Van Duzer Estate Vineyard, 100% Pinot Gris.
- Fruit from an early pick provided the crisp backbone of this blend, while a later pick contributed aromatic complexity.
- After a slow and cold fermentation, which preserves the crisp minerality of our highly distinctive Pinot Gris, the wines was aged on the lees to add a subtle creaminess.

TASTING NOTE

Layers of tree fruit ranging from white peach to Asian pear, tropical mango and pineapple laced with orange blossom and jasmine flower. Stone fruit and flint characteristics highlight the lengthy finish, showcasing layers of minerality and roasted almonds.

SRP \$20



WILLAMETTE VALLEY ROSÉ

- 100% Van Duzer Estate Vineyard, 100% Pinot Gris.
- Fruit from an early pick provided the crisp backbone of this blend, while a later pick contributed aromatic complexity.
- After a slow and cold fermentation, which preserves the crisp minerality of our highly distinctive Pinot Gris, the wines was aged on the lees to add a subtle creaminess.

TASTING NOTE

Plush aromatics of fresh raspberries, early season strawberries, gooseberry and pomegranate intertwines with fragrances of rhubarb, kiwi and cantaloupe. Subtle, floral notes of rose petal finish the bouquet to mark its intricacy. The rich midpalate transitions to textured acidity receding towards a finish showcasing an enlightened sense of minerality that playfully contrasts sweet, small, red-berry driven flavors.

SRP \$20



WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

- 98% Van Duzer Estate Vineyard.
- 100% Pinot Noir showcasing the varied clonal components essential to our final blend - balancing aromatics, structure and texture.
 - Dijon (57%)
 - Pommard (25%)
 - Wadenswil (18%)
- 10 months in French oak lends depth and overall complexity.

TASTING NOTE

Strawberry, Bing cherry and red currant-- intricately layered with rose petal, black tea, ground pepper, almond paste and graham cracker. Juicy red fruit and savory flavors linger on the creamy, mouthwatering on the finish.

SRP \$ 32



PINOT NOIR CLONAL DIVERSITY

- Van Duzer is fully committed to clonal diversity in our vineyards, and finding the perfect fit for each individual microclimate on our site.
- We have ten different Pinot Noirs clones planted with new ones on the horizon.
- Each individual clone provides unique components which come together to make world class Pinot Noir.
 - Clone 113: Weight and structure
 - Clone 115: Structure
 - Clone 667: Silky tannins
 - Clone 777: Beautiful aromatics
 - Pommard: Aromatics, and structure
 - Wadenswil: Blue fruit and spice



THE ELEMENTAL COLLECTION

- Limited production estate wines featuring a sleek interpretation of the original label distinguishes our “Elemental Collection” and the wines are equally impressive.
- Inspired by the elements that shape terroir - Earth, Wind, Fire - these blends are snapshots in time, encapsulating our efforts in the vineyard and cellar throughout the growing season.
- Whether highlighting specific clones in our Dijon Blocks or demonstrating the art of assemblage in our Alchemy Pinot Noir, these wines are showstoppers: blended with precision and the intent to grace your cellar for years to come.
- Allocated but available in small quantities upon request.





VISIT OUR WINERY TEAM AND THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED VAN DUZER CORRIDOR

Roughly 60 miles south of Portland, we are located just west off of Hwy 99W, the Willamette Valley Wine Road, 20 miles south of McMinnville.

