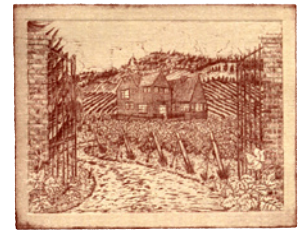




100% Estate Fruit Certified **BIODYNAMIC** Since 2005

# BRICK HOUSE

WILLAMETTE VALLEY • OREGON



*"Once you have faced the challenge of finding a site for a new vineyard, you never look at a hillside in the same way again. Every slope carries a certain signature. Some have particular allure. You instinctively gauge pitch and elevation. You automatically assess exposure to the wind and sun. Every hillside holds a unique promise. And when you find one where everything feels just right, the thrill is unforgettable. There are hills ...and then there are hills that have it all." - Doug Tunnell*

Former CBS Newsman **Doug Tunnell** founded Brick House amid fruit and hazelnut orchards in the rolling hills above Chehalem Valley. Following Burgundian models, Tunnell planted his first vineyard to the Pommard clone at 1200-1600 vines/acre in 1990. On deep vigorous soils, tight-spacing can overcrowd trellises, restrict canopy circulation and encourage mildew, but the Pommard trellis yields dark, richly concentrated fruit in Tunnell's thin Willakenzie clay.

In 1995 Tunnell planted his Les Dijonnais Vineyard from three Pinot Noir clones sourced from **Domaine Ponsot's** Morey St. Denis vineyards; it is important to note Brick House vinifies each clone separately. Although generally considered *Willakenzie* type, Les Dijonnais soils vary: at the topographical peaks, vineyard soils are underlaid with

bright red clay while a brown sedimentary soil resembling beach sand dominates the troughs.

All Brick House wines are 100% **organic** estate fruit and the vineyards have been certified **biodynamic** since 2005.

**BRICK HOUSE** is totally committed to organic viticulture. Elemental sprays like sulfur are used to combat disease while fundamental farming controls weeds, shaping the hill-sides beneath the vines. As owner/winemaker Doug Tunnell says, "Plant the vines in shallow soils on a hillside and give them the morning sun... don't plow too much but don't hoe too little. Let the vines struggle... and don't ever forget that the world's finest fertilizer is the footprint of a winegrower... in the mud of March and the dust of September."

## CHARDONNAY, RIBBON RIDGE

WA on the 2008: **92** "If there is a better value in Chardonnay out there, I'd like to know about it."

## CHARDONNAY "CASCADIA" RIBBON RIDGE

WA on the 2009: **91** "The 2009 Chardonnay Cascadian is more mineral dominated along with excellent notes of baking spices, melon, and poached pear. It has a bit more depth and concentration than the regular bottling."

## GAMAY NOIR

WA: 2009: **91**; 2008: **92**; 2007: **91**; 2006: **90**

## PINOT NOIR "SELECT"

WA: 2009: **91**; 2007: **92**; 2006: **90**; 2005: **90**

## PINOT NOIR "CUVÉE DU TONNELIER"

Harvested from the estate's oldest vines, own-rooted Pommard clone planted to an east-facing slope in 1990. Black cherry, plum, cinnamon and earthy, forest floor notes typically comprise Tonnelier's core. Although this early-developing Pinot Noir contrasts with the more reticent "Les Dijonnais," Tonnelier usually benefits from several years in cellar.

WA: 2007: **91**; 2006: **92**

## PINOT NOIR "BOULDER BLOCK"

WA on the 2008: **93** "The 2008 Pinot Noir Boulder Block is 100% Pommard clone aged in 60% new oak (the most Tunnell has ever utilized for a wine). It gives up a seductive bouquet of rose petal, Asian spices, incense, cherry, and raspberry. Velvety-textured, it has intense red fruit flavors, loads of spice notes, and enough structure to evolve for 3-4 years. Seamless and silky in the finish, this lengthy effort is all about pleasure. Drink it over the next 10-12 years."

WA: 2009: **92**; 2008: **93**; 2006: **93**

## PINOT NOIR "LES DIJONNAIS"

WA on the 2008: **94** "Already complex aromas of pomegranate, red licorice, underbrush, cherry, and raspberry jump from the glass. This is followed by a powerfully intense, satin-textured, seamless wine that seems to glide endlessly on the palate... remarkable finesse and balance while concealing enough structure to evolve for a decade."

WA: 2009: **92**; 2008: **94**; 2007: **92**; 2006: **92**; 2005: **91**; 2003: **91**; 2002: **94**

## PINOT NOIR "EVELYN'S"

WA: 2009: **93**; 2008: **93**; 2006: **94**; 2005: **92**; 2003: **92+**; 2002: **93**

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