

WALTER SCOTT

“When I am asked if there were any ‘great discoveries’ in Oregon, I would mention Walter Scott Wines, without hesitation.”

- Neal Martin

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Year Founded: 2008

Region: Willamette Valley

Founders: Ken Pahlow and Erica Landon

Winemaker: Ken Pahlow

Known For: Today, Walter Scott stands as a benchmark producer in the Willamette Valley, earning international acclaim for wines that are both precise and profound.

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Walter Scott Wines was founded with a simple but ambitious goal: to craft world-class wines that capture the depth and energy of the Willamette Valley. Funded by emptied retirement accounts and fueled by sheer determination, Ken Pahlow and Erica Landon have built Walter Scott into one of the world's most acclaimed wineries. Ken's journey through St. Innocent, Patricia Green Cellars, and Evening Land Vineyards provided an invaluable education, shaping his philosophy and deepening his understanding of site-driven winemaking. Most impactfully, his time alongside Dominique Lafon left a lasting imprint, revealing the discipline, work ethic, and uncompromising commitment to learning that exceptional winemaking demands. This pivotal mentorship ignited a relentless drive for excellence—one that continues to define Walter Scott and sparked an obsession with Chardonnay. Ken and Erica believe in the power of collaboration, working only with growers who share their unwavering commitment to pushing boundaries, refining techniques, and obsessing over every detail in their vineyards. By starting with the highest quality grapes, Walter Scott is provided the opportunity to create truly revelatory wines. Through it all, Ken and Erica remain fiercely focused knowing that great wines are made with intention, respect, and an uncompromising pursuit of quality.

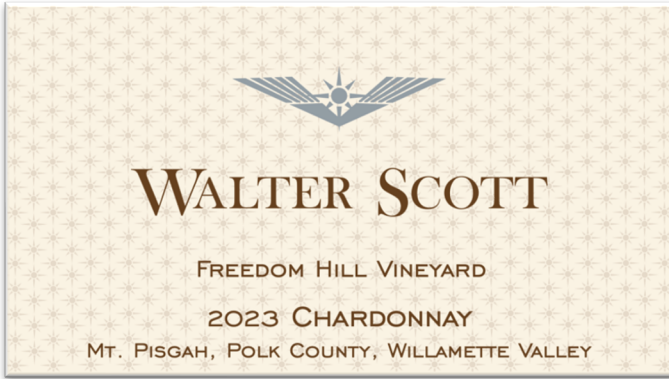


Freedom Hill Vineyard: Established in 1982 by Dan and Helen Dusschee and now tended by their son Dustin, the iconic Freedom Hill Vineyard stands as a testament to sustainable stewardship. Tucked into the gentle southeast slope of an uplifted, ancient sedimentary seabed in the Coastal Range, this site is shielded from the Van Duzer wind, resulting in a slightly warmer microclimate compared to the neighboring Eola-Amity Hills. Freedom Hill's distinguished terroir is highlighted in the new Mt. Pisgah, Polk County AVA within the expansive Willamette Valley.

Witness Tree Vineyard: In 2021, we embarked on a journey with Witness Tree, one of the esteemed founding vineyards in the Eola-Amity Hills. Situated along Spring Valley Road, this 60-acre vineyard graces an east slope, with the eponymous White Oak tree standing at its center, exuding a sense of timelessness. Under the new ownership of Oregonians Matt Felton and Jay Mason, Witness Tree recently underwent a transformation. In response to the challenges posed by phylloxera, the vineyard underwent meticulous replanting with expert guidance of celebrated viticulturist Ryan Hannaford. He made forward-thinking decisions, such as selecting appropriate rootstock and diverse clones, which elevated Witness Tree to one of the region's premier sites.

Koosah Vineyard: Crowned atop the windswept crest of the Eola-Amity Hills, Koosah Vineyard boasts awe-inspiring terrain, planted at the highest elevations in the AVA. This biodiverse 82.5-acre oasis dedicates only 44 acres of its steep slopes and rocky Witzel and Jory basalts to vines. Through deep-rooted connections with the land, ecologically complex plant life, and the application of holistic teas, Koosah Vineyard maintains a natural balance envisioned by founding farmer Kevin Chambers. This balance cultivates a thriving microbiome that minimizes disease and insect pressure while enhancing soil fertility. Walter Scott sources and co-ferments 5 clones of Chardonnay from these sheer, volcanic slopes.

Chardonnay, Freedom Hill Vineyard, Mt. Pisgah 2023



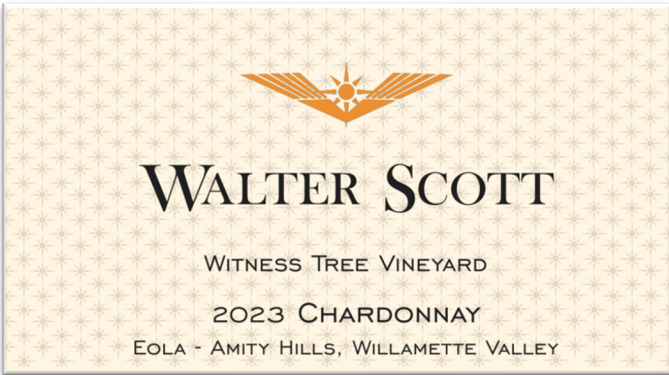
100% Chardonnay on marine sedimentary/bellpine soil. Fermented and aged in French oak barrels for 12 months and finished for 3 months in a stainless steel tank. 50% new oak. 100% malo.

96 Points – Vinous – *“Mixes nuances of ginger with crushed rocks, white smoke, incense and lemon oil. Silken and pliant, it envelops the palate with ripe orchard fruit. A cascade of inner florals arches across the senses, and an air of candied lime adds depth toward the close. Flinty and mineral intense, the 2023 finishes with contrasting sweet and sour tones while leaving a sensation of balanced structure.”*

94 Points – Wine Enthusiast

94 Points – James Suckling

Chardonnay, Witness Tree Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills 2023

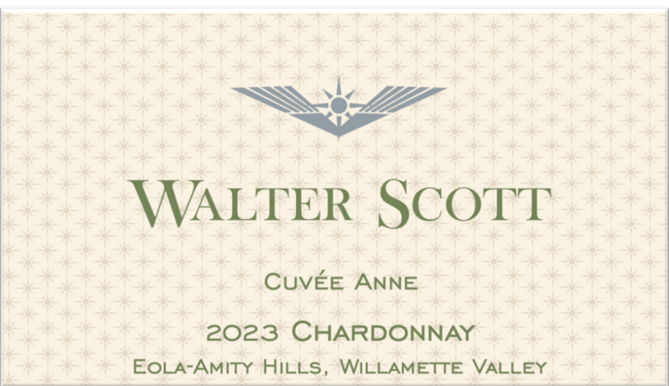


100% Chardonnay on volcanic/jory and nekia soil. Fermented and aged in barrels for 12 months and finished for 4 months in a stainless steel tank. 25% new oak. 100% malo.

94 Points – Wine Enthusiast – *“You could make an apple pie from this wine's apple and butter aromas. There's also a healthy bit of smoky flint hanging around that pie. Bazinga-worthy acidity lights up the wine's pear and lime zest flavors like a neon sign for a roadside motel. Crisp and vibrant on the palate, making it an easy Chardonnay to sip the night away.”*

94 Points – Robert Parker

Chardonnay, Cuvée Anne Eola-Amity Hills, 2023



When we launched Walter Scott, it was fueled by our savings and a few small loans from family—most notably, a crucial contribution from Erica's mother, Elizabeth Anne McKinnon: an avid trout fisherwoman, mushroom forager, and quilter. Starting a winery from virtually nothing struck many as audacious, yet Erica's mom shared our bold vision. This wine embodies the idea of taking big risks and following your dreams. Cuvée Anne salutes both Erica's Mother, as well as our Erica Anne Landon, both of whom had wholehearted faith in the dream of Walter Scott.

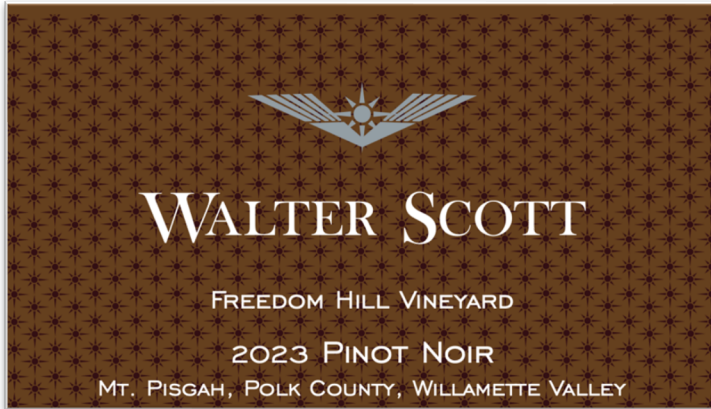
100% Chardonnay on volcanic and marine sedimentary soil. Vineyards: Justice Vineyard, Kosah Vineyard, Sojeau Vineyard, Witness Tree Vineyard, X Novo Vineyard. Fermented and aged in barrels for 12 months and finished for 4 months in a stainless steel tank. 45% new oak. 100% malo.

93 Points – Wine Enthusiast – *“The aroma of a lemon tart fresh out of the oven is complemented by wisps of talc, saline and orange zest. Anne's acidity is as jolting as the scornful "shh" of a perturbed librarian. The wine's flavors are a mix of lemon and tangerine that mingle with notes of mineral-laden sparkling water and peaches.”*

93 Points – Vinous

93 Points – James Suckling

Pinot Noir, Freedom Hill Vineyard, Mt Pisgah 2023

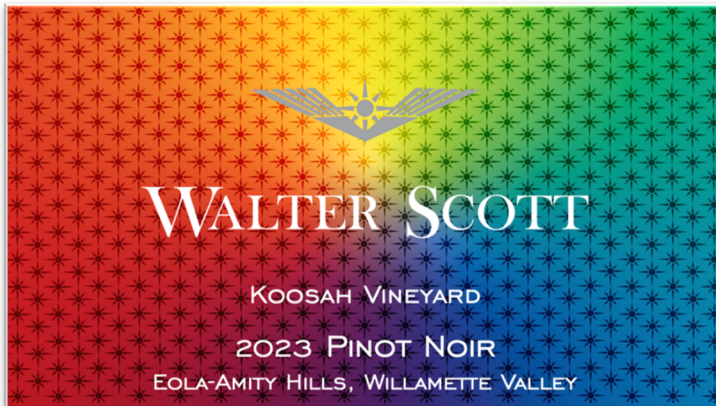


100% Pinot Noir on marine sedimentary/bellpine soil.
Aged in barrels for 15 months. 30% new oak. 100% malo.

94 Points – Wine Enthusiast – *“Ripe red raspberries are the opening aromatic foray, followed in rapid succession by a savory grilled meat note and a touch of saline. With some time in the glass, an orange pekoe tea scent emerges. This is a lighter-bodied wine with elevated acidity and flavors like raspberries, orange peel and a rhubarb tart. Check for spiders, as the Freedom Hill feels as smooth as spun silk on the palate.”*

94 Points – James Suckling

Pinot Noir, Koosah Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills 2023

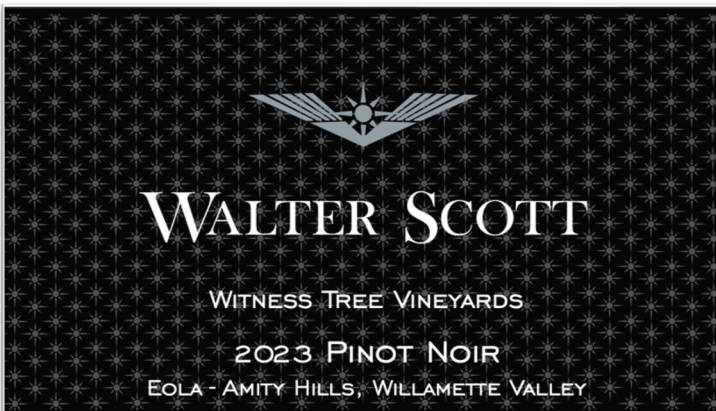


100% Pinot Noir on volcanic/witzel and jory soil.
Aged in barrels for 15 months.
45% new oak. 100% malo.

94 Points – Vinous – *“Mixes dusty florals and dried black cherries with nuances of fresh mint. Soothingly round textures wash across the palate, carrying chalk-laced red and black fruits elevated by brisk acidity. A citrus component emerges through the finish as the 2023 tapers off with admirable length, remaining juicy and crisp. A subtle mineral crunch resonates on the finish. It is impossible to stop at just one glass.”*

94 Points – Robert Parker

Pinot Noir, Witness Tree Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills 2023



100% Pinot Noir on volcanic/jory and nekia soil.
Aged in barrels for 15 months. 30% new oak. 100% malo.

94 Points – Robert Parker – *“Inviting aromas of black cherry, pomegranate, blood orange, rooibos tea and flint. The medium-bodied palate features concentrated layers of spicy fruit. It’s framed by fine, chalky tannins and bright acidity and has a long, flavorful finish.”*