

Review: Wines of Portlandia, 2018 Releases

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Pity Portlandia the winery, which has to compete with Portlandia the TV show, at least until this final season ends. But Portlandia wine "was conceived well before the hit Fred Armisen show, a similar Oregonian whimsy can be detected on the quirky labels and in winemaker Damian Davis's endearingly zany spirit," or so they say. And it's not just fanciful: The Willamette Valley AVA encompasses the entire city of Portland, and wineries are popping up near the city, and even inside it.

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"While we dig into a quartet of surprisingly affordable wines from this operation, do take a moment to enjoy the hyper-hip labels, all simple, single-color graphics on kraft paper, each more iconically hipster than the last."

2016 Portlandia Oregon Rose of Pinot Noir - This rose of pinot is restrained on the fruit, allowing the more steely, acidic notes of a white wine to shine through. A light touch of strawberry, some brewed tea notes, and a hint of caramel take things in a bit of a di...

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2015 Portlandia Momtazi Pinot Noir

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Biodynamic. This is a much bolder expression of pinot, one that I could easily mistake for a Russian River bottling, full of graphite and tannin notes, with a heavy-duty body that allows dense blackberry fruit to slowly bubble up to the surface. It's a powerful wine considering its Oregon origins, weighty but balanced, with a clean and elegant finish that invites continued exploration. \$35

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