



Kelley Fox Wines Maresh Vineyard Golden-Crowned Sparrow Blocks Pinot Noir 2023

Many years ago, while staying on the Maresh farm one night during harvest, I heard a songbird in one of Jim Maresh Sr.'s sequoias singing in minor keys just before first light. It took years to learn what this bird was. I had listened to countless songbird recordings to find it. Well, it was the Golden-Crowned sparrow. These lovely sparrows migrate south at night along the Pacific from Alaska and Western Canada in the fall.

The Maresh Golden 2023 is light medium red with youthful blue and purple undertones. It is brilliantly transparent, and the light is faceted like a gemstone. The nose is filled with perfectly ripe Hood strawberries and red raspberries with subtle spices and minerals. There is a feeling of immensely appealing freshness. The mouth follows suit and with more intensity and stuffing than it would appear in the glass. Juicy and mouthwatering, it's loaded with deliciousness. The 2023 is finely structured with detailed tannins and a silky long finish. All of the good things I loved about the Maresh farm over the many years are in here. 2023 was my final vintage of this wine.

Appellation: Dundee Hills A.V.A.

Picking Date: 24 September 2023 (from several blocks at Maresh-these vines were planted on their own roots in 1978 and 1991)

Barrels: neutral, tight-grained Burgundy barrels (228L) made from French forests

Bottling Date: 11 June 2024

Alcohol: 13.5 %

Whole Cluster: none this vintage

Cases Produced: 388 cases