



REX HILL

*2017 Jacob-Hart Estate
Vineyard Pinot Noir*

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The grapes and ensuing wines from the unique Jacob-Hart Estate Vineyard offer a wealth of complexity derived from Biodynamically-farmed vines, a purposefully curated field blend of clones and 13 different soil types checkered throughout the vineyard's 36 acres.

**2017 WINE ADVOCATE'S
EXTRAORDINARY WINERY
of the
AMERICAS**



APPELLATION: *Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley*
VARIETAL COMPOSITION: *100% Pinot Noir*
HARVEST DATA: *September 6-27th, 2016*
VINEYARD SOURCES: *100% Jacob-Hart Estate (34% Pommard, 35% 777, 11% Field Blend, 11% Wädenswil, 9% 667 Clones)*
CELLAR TREATMENT: *French oak, aged 11 months, 44% new oak*
DATE BOTTLED: *September 6th, 2018*
PRODUCTION: *434 cases (12/750 ml)*
BOTTLING CHEMISTRY: *pH 3.6, TA 5.2 g/l, alcohol 13.8%*

TASTING NOTES:

Initial fruit aromas of Marionberry bramble, cherries, plum, strawberry and guava deepen to reveal notes of brambly earth, cedar, baking spices, brown sugar, pepper, paraffin, dark tobacco and wet slate. On the palate, the wine is juicy and rich with fine grained tannins as the fruit becomes even more intense on the tongue, filling the mid-palate. The body of the wine is full, but lithe and focused with a racy, energetic core of modest acidity. It is both bright and bold, complex and complete. The long, lingering finish is interlaced with fine dusty tannins. This is a lovely wine with personality which will remain interesting over years of aging.

2017 VINTAGE NOTES:

A cool, wet spring led to the latest budbreak we've seen for the past several years, and hence later flowering. This means a greater chance of favorable weather and the development of a large crop both in terms of berry quantity and size. This calls for discipline in fruit-thinning. The summer was warm and sunny, accumulating growing degree days and 'catching up' the projected harvest to about two weeks behind 2015 and 2016. Underlying the challenges of the 2017 vintage, was a very sound growing season and harvest.

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