

2017 Reserve Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Willamette Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATA: October 2nd - 15th, 2017

VINEYARD SOURCES: 34.5% Jacob-Hart, 27.2% Sims, 9.4% Shea,

9.4% Alloro, 9.4% La Colina, 5.2% AU,

4.9% Two Mules

CELLAR TREATMENT: French oak, aged 11 months, 57% new oak

DATE BOTTLED: September 6th, 2018
PRODUCTION: 505 cases (12/750 ml)

BOTTLING CHEMISTRY: pH 3.5, TA 5.5 g/l, alcohol 14.1%

TASTING NOTES:

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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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