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REX HILL

2018 Willamette Valley
Pinot Noir

PAST VINTAGE

92 PTS

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*The best of the vintage blended
from premier Pinot Noir vineyards
of diverse soils, aspects and clones*

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APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir
HARVEST DATA: Sept. 21st - Oct 9th, 2018
VINEYARD SOURCES: 44% Jacob Hart, 13% Two Mules, 9% Au,
7% La Colina, 6% Pearl, 6% Sims,
4% Sunny Mountain, 4% Alloro, 2% Shea,
2% Carabella, 2% Antiquum, 1% other
CELLAR TREATMENT: French Oak, aged 11 months, 21% New Oak
DATE BOTTLED: Aug 29th - Sept 4th, 2019
PRODUCTION: 6,412 cases (12/ 750 ml)
BOTTLING CHEMISTRY: pH 3.6, TA 5.3 g/L, Alcohol 13.5%

TASTING NOTES: The 2018 REX HILL Willamette Valley Pinot Noir displays a deep red hue in the glass. A bold, fruit-forward wine, it expresses aromas of fruit, flowers and earth. Black cherry and plum, lavender, rose, sweet tobacco, and mushroom notes are followed by secondary aromas of red cassis, raspberry preserves, a touch of fresh cut hay and slight hint of lovely herbs. Rich and dense on both nose and palate, there are glimpses of tapenade, tomato paste, baked raspberries, bacon, brown sugar, marshmallow, thyme, and bay leaf. True to vintage, the wine shows a certain fleshiness and complexity with layers of dried flower, fresh strawberry, mushroom and roasted meat notes. Firm tannins dominate the finish and carry with them a lingering plum note. Balanced and rich, the 2018 REX HILL Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a serious yet approachable wine from a fine Oregon vintage.

VINTAGE NOTES: Across regions, budbreak was early to normal, followed by unusually dry conditions in the early growing season for Northern Oregon. The result was a fairly compressed bloom period in all four growing regions. Fruit set was average to high, requiring crop adjustment in some areas. The peak of the season brought the longest rainless period on record (90+ days), but moderate daytime temperatures and nighttime lows took much of the pressure off of the vines. The harvest period saw some intermittent showers, but not enough to affect fruit quality. Fruit chemistry was well balanced across regions, making 2018 one of the best vintages of the decade.