



# REX HILL

## *2016 Reserve Pinot Noir*

APPELLATION: *Willamette Valley*  
 VARIETAL COMPOSITION: *100% Pinot Noir*  
 HARVEST DATA: *September 12-27th, 2016*  
 VINEYARD SOURCES: *45% Jacob-Hart, 30% Sims, 10% Two Mules  
 10% Au, 5% La Colina*  
 CELLAR TREATMENT: *French oak, aged 11 months, 35% new oak*  
 DATE BOTTLED: *September 8th, 2017*  
 PRODUCTION: *484 cases (12/750 ml)*  
 BOTTLING CHEMISTRY: *pH 3.6, TA 5.6 g/l, alcohol 14.3%*

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2016 REX HILL RESERVE PINOT NOIR leads with floral aromas of peonies, roses and violets followed by blackberries, blueberries and red plums. Teak and sandalwood frame the abundant fruit with a slight mineral note of slate and granite. The bold palate showcases additional earthiness with hints of mushroom and tomato leaf mingling with a pepper and spice undertone. Winemaker notes include huckleberry, blackberry, blueberry, cherry, plum, toffee, vanilla, tobacco, taffy, coffee, cola, sassafras, hazelnut and mocha. The wine is generous in the mouth with rich, velvety tannins leading to a long and succulent finish. Drinking well now, this wine has all the hallmarks to age for a decade or longer. A perennial favorite, this wine pairs well with everything from lamb, mushrooms, beef, pork or duck.

### 2016 VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2016 vintage was one of contrasts. Record warm temperatures pushed budbreak and flowering earlier than ever. This heat interspaced with rain led to very fast growth and heightened mildew pressure, but 100 degree days gave way to mild temperatures through the summer slowing growth and ripening. Veraison was almost three weeks in some vineyards leading to a long and stretched out harvest. A short heat wave before picking pushed some vineyards to ripen and we had to work quickly to bring the fruit in before it became overripe. All in all, we saw beautiful weather, a little lower yields than projected and tremendous clean, concentrated and fully ripened fruit.

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