

# 2017 PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY



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**VINEYARDS**  
90% Van Duzer Vineyard  
8% Norris Mckinley Vineyard  
2% Bieze Vineyard

**VINIFERA**  
**100% Pinot Noir**  
24% Pommard  
56% Dijon - 113, 114, 115, 667, 777  
16% Wädenswil  
4% Coury

**ALCOHOL** 13.4%

**TA** 5.6 g/L

**pH** 3.62

**PRODUCTION** 7,388 cases

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**THE VINEYARDS.** After a normal spring with optimal temperatures and rainfall, a dry and warm summer with a handful of heat spikes tested our nerves. As wildfires surrounded the Willamette Valley towards the end of July, the smoke emanating from the flames actually shielded grape clusters and prevented UV light from damage and burning. Luckily, no smoke taint is noticeable or measurable in the finished wines. During the final stages of maturity and during harvest, mild temperatures helped to craft wines with balanced alcohol, acidity, and intense aromatics. Grapes were handpicked at peak maturity on September 25th and October 4th.

**WINEMAKING.** Our blends of different clones contributed to a high degree of complexity. The Dijon clones contribute the structure, while 777 and Wädenswill clones assist with aromatic complexity, and finally the Pommard clones provide silky texture to the wine. Breaking down each block and clone into single lots, maximizes the individuality and raises overall quality. Gentle handling during harvest preserves the Pinot Noir's freshness, while 10 months in French oak adds subtle layers of oak components enhancing the wines overall complexity.

**TASTING NOTES.** Aromas of dark cherry, freshly picked plumb and black currant meddle with layers of Earl Grey tea and white mushroom. Hints of forest floor bounces against an expression of minerality driven by a subtle flint stone scent. A juicy entry highlights silky tannins on the mid palate and a mild acid-driven structure. Graham crackers and cherry driven flavors finish this lengthy wine showcasing a mouthwatering final.

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