

2017 Duck Pond Volcanic Cuvée Pinot Noir

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

Cases produced: 270
Appellation: Willamette Valley, Oregon
Vineyard sites: St. Jory Vineyard, Willow Creek Vineyard
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir
Fermentation: Fermented in French barrels.
Oak Treatment: 100% French oak; 25% new
Final #s: Alcohol 13.9% - TA 5.7 g/L - pH 3.52

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Volcanic Cuvée pays homage to the dominant soil types throughout the best vineyards in Willamette Valley - the Jory and Nekia soil series. Visually dark and brooding, this complex blend of our Willow Creek and St. Jory vineyards is a full-bodied, yet supple Pinot Noir with many facets. The nose is lifted with notes of ripe blackberry, blueberry, and cherry, while the palate showcases the delightful result of judicious whole-cluster inclusion - a distinct spice note lingers to the finish. 270 cases produced.

VINEYARD NOTES

Vineyard practices are the leading factor in high quality fruit, and the vineyard management follows a strict regime. Shoot thinning is performed early in the year; after fruit set, leaves are removed in the fruit zone on the east side of the vines. Later, the clusters are counted and thinned to a maximum of 28 clusters per vine. Once the grapes have achieved 75% color, a final cluster thinning is performed to remove any green or second crop clusters. The average yield is 2 tons per acre.

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Savor this moment.