

2016 'Volcanic Cuvée' Pinot Noir

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

Cases produced: 270
Appellation: Willamette Valley, Oregon
Vineyard sites: 65% St. Jory, 35% Willow Creek
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir, 17% New French Oak
Fermentation: Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day
Final #s: Alcohol 14.3% - TA 6.0 g/L - pH 3.47
UPC: 768154231335

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Volcanic Cuvée pays homage to the dominant soil types throughout the best vineyards in Willamette Valley- the Volcanic 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 scents 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. As with most of our 2016's this is enjoyable upon release; however, it will be intriguing to see the aging profile over the next five years. 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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