



2018 Mysterious Vineyard Pinot Noir

AVA: Dundee Hills

LOCATION: Worden Hill Rd.

ELEVATION: 425'

SOIL TYPE: Jory

YEAR PLANTED: 1990

CLONAL MATERIAL: 100% Pommard

VINEYARD SIZE: 3.5-acre PGC block and 2 other blocks totaling around 1.5 acres.

VINIFICATION: Multiple fermentation vessels and whole cluster inclusions ranging from 0 to 100%.

PICKING DATE: 09/24/18

TONS/ACRE: 3.1

PRODUCTION: 349 cases bottled

Site Characteristics: This site is located in the bowl off of Worden Hill Rd. where it lies in close proximity to vineyards such as Maresh, Powell Hill, Weber, Clos Electrique, Le Pavillon and others. In our first few goes with this amazing site we were getting the fruit on an inconsistent basis as we got it only twice from 2009-2015. Since 2016 we have established, apparently, a more consistent relationship here and have received the fruit each year from 2016-2019. We are fortunate to be in this situation. This is one of the great Pinot Noir vineyards in America. The vineyard is steeply pitched vineyard and resembles a cone. The farming is impeccable. It lies on a hillside replete with some of the oldest and most noteworthy vineyards in Oregon, but beyond that it is on a hillside that is filled with people who love their vines and love this special Dundee Hills site. There is magic here for sure. In 2016 and 2017 we were getting one block, albeit the wow section: 29-year-old Pommard Clone vines on a very steep, southeast facing part of the slope planted at high-density that produce intense, wonderful fruit. In 2018 we added a couple more sections, one above and one below the block that have given us the opportunity to build in different components, make more of this wine and infuse other wines like the Volcanic and Reserve with wines made from some of the best fruit in the state.

Winemaking and Notes: 8 of the 15 barrels come from 100% whole cluster fermentations and 7 come from completely destemmed fermenters. Most of the wine comes from the large block located in the ideal location on the bowl-shaped hillside, but 3 barrels came from the block above that seemed to add a dimension of elegance and texture without taking away from the lavishness, deep fruited and structured wine we all know. This combination allows the structure and earthen minerality to be infused with the incredibly lush and dense fruit this vineyard produces creating a wine of great depth, character, complexity and flavor. 15% new barrel was used with a combination of once to four times used barrels to round out the barrel program. This wine wants to be perfect. It is youthful and jumpy right now. As of writing this, there is so much material rolling around with fruit and tannin. Its characteristics are sort of all over the place. Not unusual for great wines to begin at stages like this. This has power, concentration, dry extract, subtle spice undertones and enormous length. This is not necessarily a powerhouse, but it has so much to it that it's impossible to doubt that there is profundity in this wine's future. Taste it now for all the incredible stuff going on, but get it because it will be great years down the road.

