

2016 Reserve Pinot Noir

AVA: Willamette Valley PRODUCTION: 2,917 cases bottled

SOIL: Volcanic & Marine Sedimentary

Winemaking and Notes:

The Reserve program has evolved from an every-so-often produced bottling to the mainstay of our production. This bottling allows us to accomplish two things that are important to us as a winery. First, it allows us to use barrels from our vineyard designated sites that we don't think represent that site's true profile. Sometimes, that is based on vine age, clonal material or location within the site. This allows our vineyard designated wines to be true expressions of the site on a year in and year out basis. Secondly, it allows us to create a blended wine that has a degree of consistency each vintage that is of high-quality and will retail for only \$27.

In short, this wine is a smoking deal! If there is another Oregon winery that has a finer, more reputable and amazing cellar of older vine sites than us I would be interested to know which winery that is. This bottling comes from terrific sources. This is extremely high quality wine across the board. Four Dundee Hills sites ranging in vine age from 18-44 years make up about 30% of the bottling. Another third (slightly more) comes from our Estate Vineyard and almost all of the rest from the Freedom Hill vineyard. What other Oregon winery blends such high quality barrels and charges less than \$30/bottle? There are seriously great bones here and this wine will stand up to many much higher priced bottlings.