



2017 Hyland Vineyard, Coury Clone Pinot Noir

AVA: McMinnville

LOCATION: Vineyard Ln.

ELEVATION: 650'

SOIL TYPE: Jory

YEAR PLANTED: 1989

CLONAL MATERIAL: 100% Coury

VINEYARD SIZE: 135-acre vineyard, 1.4-acre PGC block

VINIFICATION: Four 1.5-ton open-top fermenters done 100% destemmed.

PICKING DATE: 10/07/17

TONS/ACRE: 3.36

OWNERS: Laurent Monthelieu

PRODUCTION: 216 cases bottled

Site Characteristics:

Winemaking and Notes: Four fermenters of fruit were 100% de-stemmed and went through a normal cold soak of 4 to 5 days and then was fermented in 1.75-ton open-top fermenters and was pigeaged 2x/day before being pressed and allowed to settle for 3 days. Most fermenters in 2017 were pigeaged 1x/day but we felt that the older vines combined with the clonal material and vine age could accept a more rigorous extraction process. The wine spent about 10 months in barrel in 33% new oak. 5 and 1/2 barrels of the 20% whole cluster fermentation barrels were selected and 3 1/2 from the 100% whole cluster fermentations. This combination allows for the forward, supple nature of Dundee Hills fruit to be showcased while in check by the old vine, mineral-driven elements of the 100% whole cluster barrels. This is a wine that has old bones and sensibilities to it while still having the stuffing that Dundee Hill wines are known for.

These now monster vines were planted back in 1973 making them some of the oldest vines in Oregon, thus giving this bottling an historical aspect to it. 44-year-old vines in Oregon are exceptionally rare both because there was so little planted acreage back then and some of that acreage has been re-planted due to Phylloxera. The fact that this site and wine exist at all is somewhat of a minor miracle. In part due to this, this wine knows exactly what it wants to be. It shows finesse, subtleness, elegance and discreet balance all backed up by a sneaky and looming firmness. Only older vines make wines like this. This is not a wine that needs to make a dramatic entrance, because all the work is done on the back end.