

CHEHALEM

2015 Three Vineyard Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley AVA, Oregon

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

This special blend shows the full capacity of the vintage from a perspective of all three of our Estate vineyards which include different elevations, soil types and clones. Impeccable, not only in balance and texture, but length, oak exposure, fruit and complexity. Look for accents of chocolate, violets, five-spice and dark juicy cherries. Moderately-deep in intensity of structure and tannin, but produced with restraint for perfect acid structure and elegance. An entry Pinot Noir you could stay with.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage was slightly different in early growing season timing from 2014, but the final effect was the same, big heat, big crop and big expectations. The acids are down, the alcohols are hovering around 14% and the work we did to minimize over-extraction resulted in more elegant wines than a hot vintage deserves. Similar to 2014, the fruit was impeccably clean and devoid of disease. We focused on restraint in 2015, and it rewarded us with incredible Pinot Noirs with density but not heaviness, nicely polished velour-like tannins and reasonable acidity. Four progressively warmer vintages, we will just learn to count higher—more heat, more fruit, more, more!

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPOSITION

100% estate-grown Pinot Noir: Ridgecrest Vineyards (62%), Stoller Vineyards (22%) and Corral Creek Vineyards (16%)

HARVEST

Harvested 9/2-10/6/15 at 20.8-25.6 brix, 3.5-6.0 g/L titratable acidity and 3.32-3.70 pH from 1.9-5.4 tons per acre cropload

FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

1% whole cluster | 3-7 days pre-maceration | 7-16 days fermentation | Aged 11 months in barrel | 19% new, 20% 1-year-old and 61% neutral French oak barrels

BOTTLING

Crossflow filtered | Bottled 8/22-8/26/2016 | 13.9% alcohol, 6.2 g/L titratable acidity and 3.47 pH

RELEASE

6,000 cases | SRP \$30 | May 2017



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