



CHEHALEM
RIDGECREST VINEYARDS
RIBBON RIDGE, OREGON
PINOT NOIR WIND RIDGE BLOCK

ESTATE
2013
GROWN

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13.0% ALC. BY VOL. CONTAINS SULFITES. 750 ML.

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

2013 WIND RIDGE BLOCK PINOT NOIR

VINTAGE NOTES

2013 is a Tale of Two Harvests—one very early and one normal, with rain in-between. They started as one very early harvest thanks to a very consistent, warm growing season, the warmest on record up to final ripening mid-September. An unanticipated 30-year rain event of 5 inches then appeared the last days of September, made of remnants from a typhoon that had hit Japan. Cool weather from then on slowed ripening and turned harvest into two discrete picks, earlier and later picks apart by up to three weeks showing very good quality, the coolness and longer hang-time a big benefit. Croploads were moderate-to-high, wines early-on similar in nature to 1996, with richness, and deep spice.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Wind Ridge, as it always has been, is a bit more intense and brooding than its older sibling, Ridgecrest. 2013, in particular, shows more chewy tannin, more black fruit, and is a bit more shy upon its debut. Earth and forest floor, plum skin, blackberry, rose water and cedar box, with a hint of tobacco on the nose. The palate holds a core of tannin and restrained fruit, with lingering flavors of violet, cherry cola, spicy barrel, and a gorgeous tension between acid, fruit, and texture. A little age will help this beauty open its eyes.

TECHNICAL NOTES

GRAPES & VINEYARDS	100% Estate-Grown Pinot Noir from Wind Ridge Block, Ridgecrest Vineyards, Ribbon Ridge AVA, Oregon.
HARVEST DATA	Harvested 10/7-10/11/2013 @ 20.9-21.5 brix, 3.19-3.46 pH, and 5.2-6.0 g/L TA, from 2.0-2.8 tons per acre cropload.
FERMENTATION & COOPERAGE	15 days total fermentation, with 5-8 days pre-maceration. Aged 11 months in barrel, racked once. 54% new and 38% 1-year-old French oak barrels.
BOTTLING	Crossflow filtered; bottled 5/6/2015.
BOTTLING ANALYSES	13.0% alcohol, 6.6 g/l TA, 3.28 pH
AMOUNT PRODUCED	282 cases
SUGGESTED RETAIL	\$50
RELEASE DATE	September, 2015



We make sustainability a priority in farming our vineyards and making our wine. Visit live.org for more information on the Low Input Viticulture and Enology program.

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