

# CHEHALEM



## 2016 Ridgecrest Vineyards Old Vines Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

### WINEMAKERS' NOTES

Aromatically, this wine integrates bright fruit with darker earth aspects. It jumps out of the glass with ripe red fruit and blackberry bushes balanced with sarsaparilla and forest floor mushrooms, all elevated by a hint of new oak toast. The bright acid exposes a lingering essence of dried cherries and spices.

### VINTAGE NOTES

This is the year of Earliest Ever. The winter was warm, budbreak was early and 2016 never looked back—bloom, veraison and harvest, all early records. Harvest began in August and was done before October. Although early, the growing season wasn't as hot as the prior three, but still the same new warm norm. Fruit is fully ripe but not overripe, moderate alcohols, good enough acids and intense, easily extracted, dense wines, from 15% smaller berry sizes and yields. Potentially an excellent-to-classic vintage.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### COMPOSITION

100% Estate-Grown Pinot Noir from Ridgecrest Vineyards' Old Vines | Est. 1982

#### HARVEST

Harvested 9/8-9/17/2016 at 21.8-25.2 brix, 4.6-5.5 g/L TA and 3.35-3.55 pH from 1.64-2.46 tons per acre cropload

#### FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

Destemmed | 4-6 days pre-maceration | 16-19 days total fermentation | Aged 11 months in barrel | 50% new and 50% 1-year-old French oak barrels

#### BOTTLING

Crossflow filtered | Bottled 8/23/2017 | 14.7% alcohol, 6.1 g/L TA and 3.57 pH

#### RELEASE

433 cases | SRP \$50 | September 2018



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