



2017 RIDGECREST VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

Aromatically, this wine jumps out of the glass with bright red fruit with darker aspects of earth and blackberry bushes. Notes of sarsaparilla, forest floor and mushrooms are elevated by a hint of new oak toast. On the palate, the vibrant acid exposes a lingering essence of dried cherries and spices.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 vintage is one of the most well-balanced of the last five years, with excellent quality of flavor and acidity levels, and yields bearing higher than normal in all varieties. Fruitfulness caused some problems early on from large berries on full clusters, which led to a bit of uneven ripening. Early season powdery mildew, due to a wet spring, led to in-field sorting early in the growing season. By harvest, blocks were in pristine condition. Ideal fall temperatures allowed us to pick based on flavor development.

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPOSITION

100% Estate-grown Pinot Noir, Ridgecrest Vineyard

HARVEST

Harvested 9/30-10/3/2017 | 22.9-24.5 brix | 4.8-5.2 g/L titratable acidity and 3.28-3.39 pH from 1.84-3.27 tons per acre cropland

FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

Destemmed, 5-10 days pre-maceration | 10-14 days total fermentation | 100% French oak, 38% new | aged 11 months in barrel

BOTTLING

Crossflow filtered | bottled 8/20/2018 | 14.1% alcohol | 5.75g/L titratable acidity and 3.4pH

RELEASE

500 cases | SRP \$50 Fall 2019



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