



2017 WINE CLUB PINOT NOIR CUVÉE

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

This year, our Wine Club Cuvée celebrates our farewell blend from the Wind Ridge block of Ridgecrest. The amazing fruit that comes from this site is big, rich, and bold. Aromatically, this wine shows bright cherries, tobacco spice, and black tea. On the palate, tannins are grippy and chalky but balanced with a juicy vibrancy that extends through the finish. Our 2017 Wine Club Cuvée will excite the palate for years to come.

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: Wind Ridge Block, Ridgecrest Vineyard

HARVEST

Harvested 9/24-9/29/2017 at 22.2-23.6 brix, 4.5-4.9g/L titratable acidity and a pH of 2.25-2.41 from 2.53-3.25 tons per acre cropland

FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

Destemmed; 6 days pre-maceration | 11-12 days total fermentation | Aged 11 months in French oak barrels, 33% new

BOTTLING

Crossflow filtered | Bottled 8/21/2018 | 13.7% alcohol | 5.6g/L titratable acidity and 3.37 pH

RELEASE

70 cases | SRP \$60 | Spring 2019



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