

## 2016 PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARDS

ALCOHOL

13.4%

98% Van Duzer Vineyard 1% Saffron Fields Vineyard

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 $5.6\,g/L$ 

1% Bieze Vineyard

**VINIFERA** 100% Pinot Noir

18% Wädenswil

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3.58

57% Dijon - 113, 114, 115, 667, 777 25% Pommard **PRODUCTION** 

7,202 cases

**THE VINEYARDS.** An unusally warm spring started the 2016 growing season off early. Warmer conditions during bloom led to smaller berries, lending concentration and complexity to our finished wines. Situated at the mouth of the Van Duzer Corridor, our estate vineyard benefits from tempering ocean breezes that, combined with 2016's warm, dry weather, created ideal conditions for optimum ripeness. Grapes were picked by hand at peak maturity September 8 - 27.

**WINEMAKING.** Grapes were picked at ultimate maturity and harvested by hand to preserve freshness. Gentle handling throughout the winemaking process ensured depth of flavor and ripe tannin. The varied clonal components of this wine - Dijon, Wadenswil and Pommard - each contribute a vital element to the final blend, balancing aromoatics, structure and texture. 10 months in French oak lends depth and overall complexity.

**TASTING NOTES.** *Bright aromas of fresh fruit mark the* nose--strawberry, bing cherry and red currant-- intricately layered with rose petal, black tea, ground pepper, almond paste and graham craker. The front palate follows suit, giving way to an acid-driven mid-palate with mouth-coating density and an intriguing tannin structure that is at once angular yet svelt. Juicy red fruit and savory flavors linger on the creamy, mouthwatering on the finish.

