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Vintners of Neo-Classical Pinot Noir

2014 “The Neo-Classical Objective” Pinot Noir

The Neo-Classical Objective has four components:

1. Historical Orientation – 100% whole cluster fermentation
2. Classic Variety Character (Typicity) – vineyard location and ideal growing temperatures
3. Enriched Technique – targeting the source of tannins for an improved condition of ageability
4. Vineyard Potential – an expectation of age-worthiness from proven older vineyards

The objective of the neo-classical approach is to create an evocative wine that conveys a sense of beauty and exhibits class, elegance and the nobility of the variety. After meticulously tasting barrel samples blind prior to bottling, only vineyards that meet the objective and exemplify the key points above for the given vintage are selected for this blend.

In The Winery

The 2014 Neo-Classical Objective is a blend of 4 outstanding vineyards; all mature, high elevation sites in the Dundee Hills. All vineyards were sorted and fermented with 100% stem inclusion. Total skin contact ranged from 11-17 days. All vineyards were basket pressed in our traditional wooden ratchet presses. All lots were racked once after the completion of malo-lactic fermentation. 8% new French oak was used in the blend and the wine was bottled after 11 months in barrel.

Technical Data

Vineyards: White Rose Vineyard (55%), Guillen Vineyard (18%), Murto Vineyard (18%), Vista Hills Vineyard (9%)
Clones: Pommard, Wadensville, Dijon 777 & 115
Harvest: September 23rd to September 29th, 2014
Whole Cluster: 100%
Cooperage: 11 Months French Oak (8% new)
Bottled: August 21st, 2015
Alcohol %: 13.1
pH: 3.51
Production: 542 cases

Press

Vivid red. An expansive, exotically perfumed bouquet evokes ripe raspberry, candied cherry, incense and dried flowers, and a spicy overtone becomes more intense with air. Juicy and focused in the mouth, offering sweet red berry liqueur and spicecake flavors that pick up hints of smokiness and cola on the back half. Delivers an impressive payload of flavor with no excess weight, and finishes silky and floral, showing superb length, silky tannins and resonating spiciness. -- Josh Reynolds (Vinous – 94pts)