

ESTABLISHED 2001

WHITE ROSE ESTATE

Vintners of Neo-Classical Pinot Noir

2015 Winemaker's Cuvée Pinot Noir

Each year we craft a blend that illustrates our best attempt, within the confines of what we are given by the vintage, of quintessential Pinot noir typicity. We call this blend the “The Neo-Classical Objective”. We also craft a blend of equal quality and pedigree of vineyards that exhibits a slightly more masculine character - more weight, density and structure with slightly riper tones and a touch more concentration. This blend is called the Winemaker's Cuvée.

VINEYARDS –Anderson Family Vineyard (45%), Vista Hills Vineyard (12%), White Rose Vineyard (18%), Luciole Vineyard (18%), Murto Vineyard (7%)

Age: Planted 1978-2006

Clone: Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 115 and Dijon 777

Elevation: (450-870')

Soil: Jory (volcanic basalt); Jory, Nekia & Saum (volcanic)

AVA: Willamette Valley

HARVEST DATE

Warm growing conditions throughout year led to an earlier than normal harvest, from September 10th- September 23rd. Concerns of dehydration and over-ripeness drove picking decisions, but picking on the early side led to clean fruit with mature, fresh flavors. Yields averaged 2.2 to 3.25 TPA depending on vineyard/block.

WINEMAKING

Whole Cluster: Fermented 100% whole cluster

Cold Soak: 2-6 days pre-fermentation maceration

Fermentation: 9-16 days on depending on vineyard/lot

Total Skin Contact: 12-21 days

Barrel Aging: 19 months in French oak barrels (30% new)

Bottling Date: March 22nd, 2017

Alcohol: 13.8%

pH: 3.71

Production: 386.5 cases

PRESS

Bright red. An expansive, exotically perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red berries, blood orange, smoky minerals, Asian spices and potpourri. Sappy and focused on the palate, offering vibrant raspberry and cherry liqueur, five-spice powder and cola flavors and a touch of candied lavender. Very pure and energetic in style, featuring spherical texture, noteworthy finishing clarity, talc-y tannins and superb, mineral-driven persistence. -- Josh Reynolds (Vinous 95pts)