

# CHEHALEM

## 2014 Ridgecrest Vineyards Pinot Noir

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

### WINEMAKERS' NOTES

The oldest vines planted on Ribbon Ridge show elegance and balance in this powerful vintage. Elements of red and black fruit aromas are accentuated on the palate with mineral, black cherry, baking spices, bramble and tobacco. Complexity, fine tannins, bright acidity and nice length showcase this wine worthy of aging for decades.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Mark 2014 as one of those rare vintages when everyone is excited. Wine quality is excellent and based on full ripeness, probably the cleanest fruit we've seen in decades. Harvest timing gave us restrained extraction in fermentation and reasonable alcohols averaging just under 14% despite a warm growing season and good cropload balance. Pinot Noir colors are appropriately rich but not deep, wines not tannic or over-extracted and all is right with the world.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### COMPOSITION

100% Estate-Grown Pinot Noir from Ridgecrest Vineyards

#### HARVEST

Harvested 9/25-10/3/2014 at 23.2-24.4 brix, 4.2-4.8 g/L titratable acidity and 3.37-3.47 pH from 2.6-3.3 tons per acre cropload

#### FERMENTATION AND ELEVAJE

10% whole cluster | 5-8 days pre-maceration | 9-13 days total fermentation | Aged 11 months in barrel | 47% new, 42% 1-year-old and 11% neutral French oak barrels

#### BOTTLING

Crossflow filtered | Bottled 9/4/2015 | 13.8% alcohol, 6.4 g/L titratable acidity and 3.44 pH

#### RELEASE

434 cases | SRP \$50 | September 2016



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