

# CHEHALEM

## 2015 Stoller Vineyards Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

### WINEMAKERS' NOTES

A lovely, softer, more elegant version of Stoller Pinot than we've seen and we love it! The nose shows the characteristics of the Dundee Hills, in a black loam, Indian spice kind of way. Loads of ripe strawberry and rose hips fill out the fresh aromatics, red, purple and black fruit in equilibrium. The palate is amazingly approachable, showing a seamless texture. Full and creamy in the mid-palate, tapering into a lighter, more finesseful finish accented by spiced pie cherries and elegant plum-skin-like tannin.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage was slightly different in early growing season timing from 2014, but the final effect was the same, big heat, big crop and big expectations. The acids are down, the alcohols are hovering around 14% and the work we did to minimize over-extraction resulted in more elegant wines than a hot vintage deserves. Similar to 2014, the fruit was impeccably clean and devoid of disease. We focused on restraint in 2015, and it rewarded us with incredible Pinot Noirs with density but not heaviness, nicely polished velour-like tannins and reasonable acidity. Four progressively warmer vintages, we will just learn to count higher—more heat, more fruit, more, more!

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### COMPOSITION

100% Estate-Grown Pinot Noir from Stoller Vineyards

#### HARVEST

Harvested 9/5, 9/9 and 9/10/2015 at 20.8-22.2 brix, 3.9-4.8 g/L titratable acidity and 3.47-3.5 pH from 4.1-5.0 tons per acre cropload

#### FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

Destemmed | 4-5 days pre-maceration | 10-13 days total fermentation | Aged 11 months in barrel | 55% new and 45% 1-year-old French oak barrels

#### BOTTLING

Crossflow filtered | Bottled 8/24/2016 | 13.7% alcohol, 6.0 g/L titratable acidity and 3.60 pH

#### RELEASE

265 cases | SRP \$50 | September 2017



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