



CHEHALEM



2017 STATEMENT PINOT NOIR

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

The 2017 Statement Pinot Noir is comprised of the Pommard and Wädenswil clones that were planted at Ridgecrest Vineyard in 1983. The fruit from these own-rooted vines was co-fermentation and aged in four brand new oak barrels 18 months. Aromatics of dark red cherries, raspberries, and red currants are balanced with savory soy sauce and barbecued meat notes. The palate is pretty and elegant with silky yet powerful tannins.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 vintage is one of the most well-balanced of the last five years, with excellent quality of flavor and acidity levels, and yields bearing higher than normal in all varieties. Fruitfulness caused some problems early on from large berries on full clusters, which led to a bit of uneven ripening. Early season powdery mildew, due to a wet spring, led to in-field sorting early in the growing season. By harvest, blocks were in pristine condition. Ideal fall temperatures allowed us to pick based on flavor development.

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPOSITION

100% Estate grown Pinot Noir | Ridgecrest Vineyard

HARVEST

Harvested 9/30/2017

FERMENTATION AND ÉLEVAGE

Destemmed | 6 days cold maceration | fermented in open top stainless steel tanks 16 days | 100% new French oak | aged 18 months in barrel

BOTTLING

4/26/2019 | 5.84 g/L titratable acid | 3.36pH | 13.6% alcohol

RELEASE

94 cases | SRP \$95 | Fall 2020



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