

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

PINOT NOIR

2015 FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD



THE VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was another extraordinary, nearly ideal growing season. With warm weather conditions in the winter continuing through spring and summer, a mild August and September gave break to what was an intense growing season. The result was concentrated, balanced fruit. Extra hang time for the fruit allowed it to mature gradually and develop stunning flavors that were harmoniously balanced against acids. Overall, it is one of those rare vintages where high yields beget exceptional quality.

THE VINEYARD

This Pinot noir is a blend of fruit from Lange's longtime vineyard partner - Freedom Hill Vineyard, which is planted to marine sedimentary soil. Don, Wendy and Jesse Lange have sourced fruit from the Dusschee family since 1990 and began making its namesake single-vineyard Pinot Noir in 1996. The warm days and cool nights allow for complete fruit ripening while maintaining essential acid balance. The result is a structured and age-worthy wine.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout the growing season, Winemaker Jesse Lange works closely with vineyard partners to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the exact moment to pick. Featuring clones Wädenswil, Pommard, 777, 667 and 115, these grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and carefully vinified in small lots. This wine was fermented separately by block, allowing the Langes to better understand the wines and how they should be presented. Only free run juice was collected and aged entirely in French oak barrels (40% new French oak).

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Freedom Hill Pinot Noir shows a nose of brambly earth, pomegranate, huckleberry and cigar box spice. A hint of tobacco precedes a round, velvety palate showing blueberry compote, candied cherry, vanilla and licorice - all balanced by fine tannins, elegant acidity and a finish that lingers.

ACCOLADES

95 Points - JAMES SUCKLING
92 Points - WINE ENTHUSIAST

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
PRODUCTION: 450 cases
ALCOHOL: 14.1%
RETAIL: \$70.00

