

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

2016 LANGE ESTATE PINOT NOIR



THE VINTAGE

Similar to the last two vintages, the 2016 growing season pushed the envelope for defining the new normal in Oregon as one of the earliest on record. An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer conditions, which provided even growing conditions through véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit produced resulted in wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity. Summer provided average conditions with fewer heat spikes than either the 2014 or 2015 vintages, leading to smaller berry size and a higher concentration of flavors, depth and intensity.

THE VINEYARD

The Lange Estate Pinot Noir is sourced entirely from the Lange Estate Vineyard, planted by Don and Wendy Lange in 1988. Throughout 30 plus years of winegrowing and winemaking, the Lange's have grown from 6 to 45 planted acres that are LIVE Certified and Salmon Safe. These estate holdings are farmed on medium-depth Jory soil, roll downhill with a gentle aspect and face east with a view of snow-capped Mount Hood. Elevation ranges from 350' to 825'. More than a dozen clones of Pinot are planted, which, along with various years of plantings, creates a challenge of more than 50 blocks to monitor, farm, pick and ferment separately, and then watch evolve to express their individuality in the resultant wines.

THE WINEMAKING

These grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and carefully vinified in small lots with a commitment to quality and authenticity. 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 to craft this wine, which was aged entirely in French oak barrels (35% new French oak).

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

This bottling is a pure expression of terroir and displays the earthy minerality of the volcanic soils that the Dundee Hills AVA is known for. Beautifully red-fruited with exotic spices, this deeply complex wine is backed with an elegant structure and balanced tannins.

ACCOLADES

94 Points, "Editors' Choice" - WINE ENTHUSIAST

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION: Dundee Hills
PRODUCTION: 430 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.9%
RETAIL: \$70.00

