

# LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS



## 2016 PINOT NOIR RESERVE

### 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

This Pinot noir is a blend of fruit from Langes' longtime vineyard partners, including Freedom Hill Vineyard, Temperance Hill Vineyard, Mistletoe Vineyard, Durant Vineyard, Yamhill Vineyards, Hirschy Vineyard, Madrona Hill, and our own Lange Estate Vineyards.

### 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. These grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and carefully vinified in small lots. This wine was fermented separately by vineyard & 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 (33% new French oak). Our Reserve Pinot Noir is a meticulous barrel-selection of the most complex and finest wines in the cellar without any self-imposed rules like site, clone, rootstock or soil type.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Reserve Pinot Noir expresses notes redolent of black cherries, marionberries, cinnamon, clove and saddle leather in the bouquet. Juicy tannins frame hints of wood smoke, rosemary and Oregon strawberries followed by a long, resonant finish.

### ACCOLADES

92 Points, "Editors' Choice" - WINE ENTHUSIAST  
92 Points - JAMES SUCKLING

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir  
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley  
PRODUCTION: 1,800 cases  
ALCOHOL: 14.1%  
RETAIL: \$35.00

