

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

PINOT NOIR

2016 THREE HILLS CUVÉE



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, Yamhill Vineyards and our own Lange Estate Vineyards. Each site is a distinctive expression of its relative terroir with differing soil types, elevations, and clonal selections.

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 (40% new French oak) for 12 months.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Three Hills Cuvée Pinot Noir has a deep garnet hue with an enticing nose of pink peppercorns, allspice, dried rose petals, and juicy Oregon strawberries with hints of lavender and nutmeg. Superbly balanced with fresh acidity and silky tannins, the palate shows black raspberries with cherry cola accented with notes of clove, vanilla and barrel spice.

ACCOLADES

94 Points - JAMES SUCKLING
92 Points - WINE ENTHUSIAST

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
PRODUCTION: 550 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.9%
RETAIL: \$50.00

