

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS



2017 PINOT NOIR RESERVE

THE VINTAGE

After a few dry winters, the 2016-2017 winter provided ample rain and snowpack statewide. The winter gave way to a relatively cool and wet spring compared to the last few years. As a result, bud break started closer to normal in mid-April. The spring warmed up with record heat in late May that initiated flowering. However, a cool June slowed flowering but was followed by record high temperatures producing a very good fruit set. With a warm 2017 vintage, we are able to deliver fruit with a great balance of sugar and acid with lower alcohols and abundant tannins.

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 2017 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

2017 - 93 Points - James Suckling
2016 - 92 Points, "Editors' Choice" - Wine Enthusiast, 92 Points - James Suckling
2015 - 91 Points - James Suckling, "Year's Best US Pinot Noir" - Wine & Spirits

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

