

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

PINOT NOIR

2018 LIBERTY BELL



THE VINTAGE

For the fifth year in a row, nature cooperated with winegrowers in the Willamette Valley. With an abundance of sun throughout the spring and summer, vines were thankful for showers and a few weeks of cool nights and warm days in mid-September that them just as ripening was beginning to slow. Despite warmer weather and longer hang times, grapes retained high levels of acidity along with complex flavors leaving harmonious and balanced fruit.

THE VINEYARD

This Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from the Liberty Block of the Lange's longtime vineyard partner - Freedom Hill Vineyard, which is planted on marine sedimentary soil. Don, Wendy, and Jesse Lange have sourced fruit from the Dusschee family since 1990 and began crafting this single-block Pinot Noir in 2014. The site's characteristically 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 Wädenswil and Dijon clones 115, 667, and 777, which lie at the crown of vineyard. These grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and carefully vinified in small lots. This wine was fermented separately, allowing the Lange's to better understand the fruit from Liberty Bell and how it should be presented. Only free run juice was collected and aged entirely in French oak barrels with 40% in new French oak.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Freedom Hill Pinot Noir shows a nose of brambly earth, pomegranate, huckleberry and cigar box. A hint of tobacco precedes a round, velvety palate of blueberry compote, Rainier cherry, vanilla, and licorice - all balanced by fine tannins, elegant acidity and a finish that lingers.

ACCOLADES

2018 - Out for Review
2017 - 93 Points - James Suckling

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
PRODUCTION: 240 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.8%
RETAIL: \$40.00

