

# LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

## 2017 LIBERTY BELL PINOT NOIR

### 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 the Liberty Block of the Langes' longtime vineyard partner - Freedom Hill Vineyard, which is planted to 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 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

Featuring Wädenswil and Dijon clones of 115, 667, and 777, which lie at the crown of Freedom Hill Vineyard's property. These grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and carefully vinified in small lots. 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 and aged entirely in French oak barrels with 40% in new French oak.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Liberty Bell Pinot Noir opens with underbrush, rich dark fruit, truffle, and wet slate notes. A savory hint of tobacco leaf precedes a round, velvety palate showing blueberry compote, Rainier cherry, and anise - all balanced by fine tannins, vibrant acidity, and a lingering finish.

### ACCOLADES

2017 - 93 Points - James Suckling, 91 Points - Wine Enthusiast, 91 Points - Vinous

2016 - 94 Points - James Suckling, 93 Points - Washington Wine Blog, 92 Points - Wine Enthusiast, 92 Points - Vinous

2015 - 91 Points - Vinous, 90 Points - Wine Enthusiast

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Willamette Valley

PRODUCTION: 180 cases

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

RETAIL: \$40.00

