

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

PINOT NOIR

2018 FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD



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 Lange's longtime 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 making its namesake single-vineyard Pinot Noir in 1996. The site's typically warm days and cool nights allows for complete fruit ripening while maintaining essential acid balance. The result is a structured and age-worthy wine.

THE WINEMAKING

These grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and carefully vinified in small lots with a commitment to quality and authenticity. This wine was fermented separately by block, allowing the Lange's to better understand the wines and how they should be presented. Only free run juice was collected to craft this wine, which was 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 showing blueberry compote, candied cherry, vanilla, and anise - all balanced by fine tannins, elegant acidity and a finish that lingers.

ACCOLADES

2018 - 92 Points - Wine Enthusiast
2017 - 97 Points - James Suckling
2016 - 96 Points - James Suckling, 93 Points - Wine Enthusiast

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
PRODUCTION: 430 cases
ALCOHOL: 14.1%
RETAIL: \$70.00

