

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

PINOT NOIR

2018 LANGE ESTATE



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

The Lange Estate Pinot Noir is sourced entirely from the family's estate vineyard, planted by Don and Wendy Lange in 1988. Throughout 30 plus years of winegrowing and winemaking, the Lange's holdings have grown from 6 to 60 planted acres that are LIVE Certified and Salmon Safe. The vines are seated in medium-depth Jory soil, with a gentle east-facing aspect that's in line with Mount Hood. Elevation ranges from 350' to 825'. Vintage variation in combination with more than a dozen clones of Pinot planted across fifty blocks, makes for a farming challenge. Each block is picked and fermented separately.

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 35% in new French oak.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

This bottling is a pure expression of terroir and displays the earthy minerality Dundee Hills AVA is known for, and displays beautifully articulated red fruit along with a beguiling top note of exotic spice. This deeply complex Pinot Noir is graced with an elegant structure and balanced tannins.

ACCOLADES

2018 - 95 Points - "Editors' Choice" - Wine Enthusiast
2017 - 94 Points - James Suckling

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
PRODUCTION: 450 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.9%
RETAIL: \$70.00

