

# LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

## PINOT NOIR

### 2018 THREE HILLS CUVÉE



#### 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 vineyard partners, including Freedom Hill Vineyard, Yamhill Vineyards and our own Lange Estate Vineyard. Each site is a distinctive expression of its relative terroir with differing soil types, elevations, and clonal selections.

#### 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 Lange's 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% new in French oak for 12 months.

#### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Three Hills Cuvée Pinot Noir sports a deep garnet hue with an enticing nose of juicy Oregon strawberries, pink peppercorns, all-spice, dried rose petals, lavender, and nutmeg. Superbly balanced with fresh acidity and silky tannins, the palate shows black raspberries with cherry cola accented by notes of clove, vanilla, and barrel spice.

#### ACCOLADES

2018 - 93 Points - Wine Enthusiast  
2017 - 93 Points - James Suckling, 93 Points - Washington Wine Blog  
2016 - 94 Points - James Suckling, 92 Points - Wine Enthusiast  
Wine & Spirits

**VARIETAL:** 100% Pinot Noir  
**APPELLATION:** Willamette Valley  
**PRODUCTION:** 440 cases  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%  
**RETAIL:** \$50.00

