

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

ASSEMBLAGE

2018 YAMHILL-CARLTON



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 limited blend of Pinot Noir is crafted to showcase one of our favorite Willamette Valley micro-AVAs. Yamhill Vineyards is planted entirely on Willakenzie soils. Owned and managed by Ralph and Sue Stein, the site has been on the Langes' vineyard roster since the early days, starting in 1987. Hirschy Vineyards is also planted on Willakenzie soils. Its elevation rises from 300'-400' feet above sea level.

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 35% new in French oak for 12 months.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Yamhill-Carlton Assemblage features clones 777, 115 and 667. It shows the lush dark fruits, exotic spices and silky texture that we've come to know and love from this distinct region. Dried cherries, vanilla, and peppermint notes are laced through the nose and palate. We find creamy strawberries, caramel, and soft coffee flavors on the finish, carried by balanced and structured tannins.

ACCOLADES

2018 - 94 Points - Wine Enthusiast
2017 - 94 Points - James Suckling

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION: Yamhill-Carlton
PRODUCTION: 125 cases
ALCOHOL: 14.1%
RETAIL: \$70.00

