

LANGE ESTATE VINEYARD

2020 Classique Pinot Noir

THE SERIES The Classique series includes three varietals—pinot gris, chardonnay, and pinot noir. The provenance of this tier of wines is Oregon's North Willamette Valley, a broad and diverse American Viticultural area. Whatever the Classique series might lack in specificity of source, it makes up for in rambunctious fruit-driven style, intended more for immediate hedonism rather than cellaring

Aged in new and neutral French oak, this attractively priced pinot noir is a fine example of expert blending by our winemaking team, embodying our true "Classique" style and spirit.

THE VINTAGE "The 2020 growing season began with an early spring followed by inclement weather at bloom. This contributed to a reduced berry set and provided historically low yields across varietals and sites. While low yields can prove problematic for farmers, they are generally a boon for consumers and an attribute of high-quality wines. Buttressed by a warm summer that provided a great balance of daytime highs and nighttime lows, the resultant harvest yielded fruit that was beautifully ripe and packed with richness and complexity. Total growing degree days suggest parallels superb vintages like 2004, 2006, and 2018. This is a happy indicator that Lange Estate's 2020 wines will be a vintage to savor." — Winemaker, Jesse Lange

VARIETAL 100% pinot noir

CLONES a blend of traditional and Dijon

clones

APPELLATION Willamette Valley

ALCOHOL 13.7%

PRODUCTION 5,000 cases

FERMENTATION new and neutral French oak & AGING

barrels

RETAIL \$25 **AROMAS** pie cherry, raspberry, underbrush,

red-bush tea

FLAVORS black cherry, cranberry, cedar

BODY round and creamy with plush, balanced tannins and structure

FINISH mineral tones, baking spice,

dried orange peel

ACCOLADES 2020 - 91 Points - James Suckling

2019 - 92 Points - "Editors' Choice"

Wine Enthusiast

91 Points - International

Wine Report

92 Points - James Suckling

2018 - 92 Points - James Suckling

2017 - 91 Points - "Editors' Choice"

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