
TROUVÈRE ARTIST SERIES

2016 Pinot Noir



THE BRAND As our Willamette Valley wine industry expanded and matured, it became clear that we had many prime vineyard sites, mostly growing pinot noir, that were worthy of single-vineyard status. In addition, our long-held interest in tempranillo and syrah as some of the world's best red varieties, was piqued by the vineyards in Southern Oregon's Umpqua Valley and Eastern Oregon's rugged Columbia Gorge. We created the Trouvère label to showcase small-lot, limited production wines from these dramatic AVAs.

We partnered with Santa Barbara artist Mary Heebner to launch the series. Her painting titled *Best Kept Secret*, is awash in layers of color, lending rhythm and cadence to the piece that reminds us of the finely wrought, complex layers we find in Willamette Valley pinot noir.

THE VINTAGE "Similar to the last two vintages, the 2016 growing season pushed the envelope for defining the new normal in Oregon as one of the earliest on record. An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer growing conditions throughout véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit yielded excellent concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity. Summer provided average conditions with fewer heat spikes that defined the 2014 and 2015 vintages, leading to smaller berry size and a higher concentration of flavors, depth, and intensity." — Executive Winemaker, Don Lange

VARIETAL	100% pinot noir	AROMAS	blackberry, black cherry, cinnamon, clove, saddle leather
CLONES	Dijon and traditional clones	FLAVORS	blackberry, plum and pie cherry, baking spice
APPELLATION	Willamette Valley	BODY	juicy black fruit buoyed by racy acidity
ALCOHOL	14.1%	FINISH	clove, rosemary, wood smoke, earthy minerality
PRODUCTION	108 cases	RETAIL	\$35
FERMENTATION AGING	new and neutral French oak barrels		