

WALNUT CITY 2017 Willamette Valley Reserve Pinot Noir



VINEYARD

La Cantera Vineyard, Chehalem Mountains AVA
28 acres | Est. 1986 | 600 - 684' | S/SW | Laurelwood soil

Carlton Hill Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton AVA
12 acres | Est. 1999 | 420 - 480' | E | Hazelair, Peavine & Willakenzie soils

VINIFICATION

Each year our Reserve Pinot Noir is blended from the best barrels in the cellar. After a beautifully dry summer and lengthy harvest, 2017 delivered expressive, seamlessly-structured Pinots. Sourced only from sub-AVA's, our Reserve represents an expression of the Willamette Valley and the vintage as a whole. Estate-grown and sustainably farmed. 400 cases and produced.

Grapes were mostly destemmed (15% whole cluster) and cold soaked for 3-5 days. Long, slow fermentations allowed gentle extraction aided by a combination of pumpovers and punchdowns occurring 3 times daily. Aged in French oak for 16 months with light lees contact before bottling.

VINTAGE

2017 was a departure from the eagerly early previous three vintages. Fruit set was atypically high, and even with moderate thinning, yields were plentiful. A hot, dry summer, that saw only a spot of rain in 90+ days, allowed for nearly uninterrupted ripening resulting in healthy clusters, and beautiful flavor development.

TASTING NOTE

A refined nose of cherry, wild strawberry and raspberry bramble compliments the harmonious palate. A classic Willamette Valley vintage that ushered in beautifully balanced flavor profiles with more elegance than we've seen from the string of preceding hot, early years. The Reserve has continued to reveal an unanticipated amount of generosity with age; an ideal compliment to the seamless tannins.

ABOUT

Since 1999, we've been crafting wines that promote distinctiveness, quality and sustainability, while delivering genuine value. Estate farming is the key to achieving these goals – from over 30 years of developing our vineyard portfolio, it's at the core of what we do. Our hand in the winery never speaks louder than the grapes or their place of origin. We strive for natural balance in our wines and allow the strong influence of vintage in the Willamette Valley to shine through. From harvest to bottle, our cellar program was built around handling wine in small, unique lots.

