



MONTINORE ESTATE

2015

“RED CAP” PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE (91%)
VISTA GRANDE (5%)
KEELER (4%)

SOIL
LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS
HELVETIA

AVERAGE VINE AGE
8-34 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE
SEPT 11-28

COOPERAGE
65% HUNGARIAN
35% FRENCH
20% NEW

FERMENTATION
NATIVE YEAST

pH
3.70

TA
5.2

ALCOHOL
13.9%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
FEBRUARY 2018

THE VINTAGE

We knew from the start that 2015 would be a very different vintage. Bud break was early and fruit set almost a month ahead of the norm. This was followed by an unusually warm summer that accelerated development of the vines. If the heat continued into September it would accelerate ripening and shorten hang time. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and the last four weeks of the season provided weather with daytime highs in the 70's and evening lows in the 50's. This allowed for near perfect ripening conditions. Harvest started 3½ weeks earlier than average, but the fruit from the start was near perfect with enough sugar for appropriate alcohol levels as well as being well-integrated with acids and tannins.

THE WINEMAKING

The 2015 growing season was one of the warmest in 20 years. It was inevitable the vintage would deliver Pinot Noir that was ripe, rich and a joy to work with. The first Pinot Noir arrived on September 11th, with the final grapes arriving before the end of the month. Creating prolonged cold soaks was challenging. Once the first signs of fermentation started, we let nature take its course. Fermentation temperatures in the 90's were common, producing lots of esters that added to the vibrant fruit character. The wine was aged 9 months in 20% new barrels, with 65% Hungarian and 35% French. Plenty of dark fruit flavors augmented by nice spice and savory notes developed intensity during the maturation period, following the completion of malolactic fermentation. This wine is an excellent example from a warm vintage with ripeness, power, and well-integrated tannins.

THE WINE

This Pinot greets you with aromatics of Black cherry, hints of smoke, cinnamon, clove with earthy undertones. Sweet fruit of juicy raspberry and red cherry are balanced with both cranberry and herbal notes. Savory, gentle coating tannins lead to a round clean finish. Enjoy now thru 2022.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by Stellar Certification