



MONTINORE ESTATE

2013

CATACLYSM

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
14 YEARS

VARIETY
**100% PINOT NOIR
CLONES 113,
114, and 667**

HARVEST DATE
OCTOBER 10

COOPERAGE
**100% FRENCH
BARRIQUES
27% NEW**

FERMENTATION
NATIVE YEAST

pH
3.67

TA
5.7

ALCOHOL
13.5%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
OCTOBER 2016

THE VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage was an interesting one. The growing season began nicely, with a steady, hot summer. Things were looking great until late September when an unseasonal storm hit the area, lasting four days. Growers were faced with two options: sacrifice development of the fruit by picking early or wait until after the rains and hope for minimal damage. We felt we couldn't pick fruit that wasn't ready and kept our fingers crossed. The gamble paid off. While some areas of the Willamette Valley received up to 8 inches of rain during that storm, we received less than 3 due to the rainshadow effect of the nearby coastal range. Most of the rain was absorbed in the dry soil and prevented swollen, diluted or cracked grapes. We were able to harvest very nice fruit picked at the right time, which led to pretty wines with strong varietal character.

THE WINEMAKING

This wine is crafted with grapes from Block 1, which has the most mineral-rich soils on the estate vineyard due to the cataclysmic Missoula Floods and produces a rich, herbal and earthy Pinot Noir. This wine is made from a selection of the most expressive barrels from this block. Harvested on October 10, the fruit was fermented with ambient yeast for 7 days on skin at a maximum temperature of 88° in a single stainless steel tank. It was then aged in French barriques, 27% new, mostly Rousseau and Mercurey, augmented by Louis Latour.

THE WINE

The vintage was interrupted by a late September storm, but a sunny fall rewarded those patient enough to pick after the weather. Extra hang time allowed this bottling of Cataclysm to be elegant and alluring. Wafts of berry cobbler, a savory meatiness, herbs and a hint of chocolate orange introduce the palate of rich red raspberry, mint, mocha, herbs and violets.



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