



MONTINORE ESTATE

2013

PARSONS' RIDGE

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
31 YEARS

VARIETY
**100% PINOT NOIR
POMMARD
MARTINI**

HARVEST DATE
OCTOBER 10-11

COOPERAGE
**100% FRENCH
27% NEW**

FERMENTATION
**NATIVE YEAST
PIED de CUVE**

pH
3.64

TA
5.9

ALCOHOL
13.2%

RELEASE DATE
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
MARCH 2017

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

The Parsons' Ridge Block is situated on a saddle in the estate vineyard with vines facing different directions. As a result, grapes are expressive in numerous ways. We ferment these diverse lots separately, which we finesse through blending. The 2013 vintage was picked at 23.5-23.8 Brix. It spent 14 days on skin using pulse air as a cap management regimen, with a small percentage of punchdowns and pumpovers, and fermented in stainless with ambient yeasts and pied de cuve. Ageing occurred for 12 months in French oak, 27% new. This wine consists of a blend from 11 different select barrels.

THE WINE

The 2013 Parsons' Ridge is a blend from 11 different barrels crafted from the same block. Hardy scents of dark cherries, sarsaparilla, tobacco and clove start this pleasing combination of depth and richness. The palate is packed with fruit, including black plum, loganberry, dried cherry, and mission fig. Warming cedar notes linger on the high-toned finish.



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