



MONTINORE ESTATE

2014

CATACLYSM

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
14 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE
SEPTEMBER 22

COOPERAGE
**100% FRENCH
19% NEW
AGED 16 MONTHS**

FERMENTATION
NATIVE YEAST

pH
3.65

TA
6.0

ALCOHOL
13.0%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
OCTOBER 2017

THE VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage produced a generous volume of fruit. Spring started by mid-April. Aside from a touch of frost here and there, the vineyards progressed smoothly from bud break, into a dry, hot summer. With barely a punctuation of rainfall, the warm weather continued unabated through September, when the fruit entered its full maturation phase. Sugars increased and acids declined with great flavors accumulating by the middle of the month. Harvesting was thick and fast during September and October. Except for a bit of Riesling destined for late harvest wine, the fruit was all in by October 20th, the earliest finish in over a decade.

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 at 23.8 brix on September 22nd, the fruit came in with a balanced ripeness. It was fermented with 60% whole berries for 19 days with native yeasts and aged for 16 months with French barriques, 19% new.

THE WINE

Wafts of cassis, Bing cherry and confectionary are accented by hints of bay. The mouth is juicy, offering cranberry, cherry and red berries that mix and mingle with bergamot. This wine evolves on the palate to more smokey flavors, underpinning the bright red berry flavors. The wood aging of this wine balances beautifully with the brightness of the fruit and the intriguing herb and spice notes. Zesty tannins add dimension to the perky finish.



“Expansive on the palate, offering juicy red and dark berry flavors and hints of spicecake and cola that build on the back half.”

vinous -Josh Raynolds



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