



MONTINORE ESTATE

2014

GRAHAM'S BLOCK 7

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
30 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE
SEPTEMBER 20-26

COOPERAGE
**100% FRENCH
35% NEW
AGED 17 MONTHS**

FERMENTATION
NATIVE YEAST

pH
3.61

TA
5.9

ALCOHOL
13.4%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
MARCH 2018

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

With 30-year old, self-rooted vines, the trellising for the Pinot Noir vines in the Graham's Block, or Block 7, on the estate vineyard produces clusters with small berries, allowing for more concentrated flavors with deeper red fruit notes. The 2014 vintage was perfectly ripe when harvested in late September at 24.6 brix. It was fermented with native yeasts for 21 days on skins with 12% whole cluster. It was then aged for 17 months on 35% new French barriques, predominantly Tonnelier Francois Freres.

THE WINE

The 2014 Graham's Block 7 is a great example of Pinot Noir from the northwestern corner of the Willamette Valley. An intriguing array of aromas that include raspberry, black cherry, cedar and sandalwood lead to a preserved cherry, savory herbs, green peppercorn and pie spice. Lithe tannins add structure and verve and a mild smokiness offers a memorable finish. It is striking now and has great ageing potential.



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"Sweet and expansive on the palate, offering intense blackberry and cherry compote flavors brightened by peppery spice and mineral flourishes." -Josh Raynolds



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