



MONTINORE ESTATE

2014

PARSONS' RIDGE

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
32 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE
SEPTEMBER 21

COOPERAGE
**100% FRENCH
43% NEW
AGED 16 MONTHS**

FERMENTATION
NATIVE YEAST

pH
3.67

TA
6.2

ALCOHOL
13.2%

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

The Parsons' Ridge Block on the estate is situated on a saddle in the vineyard that places the vines in positions facing two different directions. As a result, grapes from the same site are expressive in different ways. We ferment these diverse lots separately, which we finesse through blending to come up with the final wine. The 2014 Parsons' Ridge was picked at a brix of 24.8 in late September, striking a fine balance of sugar and acid. It was fermented 19% whole cluster, with indigenous yeasts for 23 days. Ageing occurred for 16 months in French barriques of which 43% was new.

THE WINE

The typical aromatics from this growing site are again present in the 2014 vintage. Scents of ripe cherry, mushroom and cedar begin the nose, with hints of tobacco and cocoa nibs coming through slightly. Savory herbs, notably sage, intermingle with a slightly darker version of Parsons' customary Bing cherry. Mission fig and cedar are also apparent, with bright acidity adding liveliness to the finish.



"Expansive on the palate, offering energetic raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that turn deeper and sweeter on the back half."

vinous -Josh Raynolds



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