



MONTINORE ESTATE

2016

GRAHAM'S BLOCK 7

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
LAURELWOOD

AVERAGE VINE AGE
34 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

CLONES
**WÄDENSWIL
POMMARD**

HARVEST DATE
SEPTEMBER 29

COOPERAGE
**100% FRENCH
36% NEW
AGED 10 MONTHS**

FERMENTATION
NATIVE YEAST

pH
3.60

TA
5.8

ALCOHOL
13.9%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
SEPTEMBER 2019

THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was one of the most challenging and delightful in recent years. A wet winter resulted in bud break almost a month ahead of the norm. High soil moistures and an unusually warm spring created perfect conditions for mildew. As an organic and Biodynamic® vineyard, we don't use "silver bullet" chemical sprays when mildew outbreaks occur. Instead, we cared for the vineyard early in the season keeping the vines clean and healthy. When bloom came, the vines looked great. Conditions cooperated through flowering and fruit set. By September, moderate weather slowed ripening and allowed for picking at peak perfection.

THE WINEMAKING

This wine is a blend of select barrels sourced from Block 7, or Graham's Block, located in the heart of the home vineyard. It is planted at a tighter density with a short trellis for small berry, tightly knit clusters and low yield. Partial whole cluster was fermented with native yeast cultivated from the bloom in our 'Pied de Cuve' nursery. On skin maceration lasted 2-3 weeks with temps in the high 80's to low 90's. The wine was then lightly pressed off and moved to barrel for full malolactic fermentation. Maturation occurred in barrel for 10 months. Multiple trial blends from single barrels were constructed and tasted by the cellar team before the final blend was finished for bottling in the winter.

THE WINE

Old world meets new with this well-structured Pinot Noir. A fragrant mélange greets the senses with Blackberry, currant, and Bing cherry aromas. They provide an enticing introduction to a plush and ripe mouth delivering more cherry, black plum, cranberry and baking spice. The palate is rich and dense with an extensive finish thanks to nicely balanced acid and tannin.



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



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