



MONTINORE ESTATE

2016

# “RED CAP” PINOT NOIR

*Willamette Valley, Oregon*



APPELLATION  
**WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

SOIL  
**LAURELWOOD  
VOLCANIC  
MARINE SEDIMENTARY**

VARIETY  
**100% PINOT NOIR**

HARVEST DATE  
**SEPTEMBER  
EARLY OCTOBER**

COOPERAGE  
**58% HUNGARIAN  
42% FRENCH  
25% NEW**

AGING  
**10 MONTHS**

BOTTLING DATE  
**SEPTEMBER 2017**

pH  
**3.69**

TA (g/L)  
**5.5**

ALCOHOL  
**13.6%**

WINEMAKER  
**STEPHEN WEBBER**

RELEASE DATE  
**JANUARY 2018**

## 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 is a carefully constructed blend of wines produced from different geographical areas and soils from within the Willamette Valley appellation. Predominantly Laurelwood soils, this wine also includes grapes grown in volcanic and marine sedimentary soils. We utilized French and Hungarian oak storage vessels for maturation and development. Nearly half of the blend was completed in puncheons while the remainder was aged in barriques. This has allowed for a nice oak structure, while not overpowering the fresh fruit overtones. The end result is a bright and attractive, vivacious wine that is destined to please.

## THE WINE

Appealing wafts of black cherry, ripe loganberry, red currant and baking spice offer a distinctive Willamette Valley introduction to the 2016 “Red Cap” Pinot Noir. The sweet entry leads to a plush mouthful of marionberry, pie cherry, juicy pomegranate and cocoa. A whisper of vanilla and a hint of toastiness complete the soft and silky palate.



*“Spice-tinged raspberry and cherry and a touch of smokiness on the fragrant nose.”*

-Josh Reynolds

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