



MONTINORE ESTATE

2016

RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
**MONTINORE ESTATE
KEELER ESTATE**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
10-34 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

CLONES
**POMMARD
WÄDENSWIL
DIJON**

HARVEST DATE
SEPTEMBER 17-30

COOPERAGE
**96% FRENCH
4% HUNGARIAN
AGED 18 MONTHS**

pH
3.56

TA
5.6

ALCOHOL
13.5%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
MAY 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

The Reserve is an expression of the highest-quality Pinot Noir from each vintage. Grapes from our best growing sites are fermented and aged separately, using indigenous yeast for full expression of clonal and terroir characteristics. Through rigorous tasting trials, we assembled the final wine from the best barrels after maturation. The 2016 Reserve includes wine from some of the home estate's most notable blocks, along with a small amount of wine from Keeler Estate that did especially well this vintage. The final wine is a nice representation of the best of the vineyards and a reflection of the challenging and delightful vintage.

THE WINE

Aromas of marionberry jam, red currant, bergamot and wet slate swirl offer the aromatic prelude of this ruby-hued beauty. The smooth and silky mid palate with flavors of black cherry, plum, hints of leather and cola lingers endlessly. A balanced interplay between zesty tannins and acid provides a polished, satisfying finish.



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



Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE