



WINEMAKER Alex Fullerton
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VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

A blend from our best vineyards, Five FACES Pinot Noir always showcases the breadth of the terroir in the Willamette Valley with the inclusion of both volcanic, basalt-based soils and sedimentary, sandstone-based soils. The fruit hails from geographically diverse sites within the valley, each with their own unique micro-climates.

Bloom started in mid-April, an average and more typical start compared to 2014 and 2015. Fruit set was large, requiring thoughtful thinning in the vineyards to keep ripeness balanced and quality high. Cool weather during fruit-set helped maintain vibrant acidity through harvest. May through early September proved exceptionally dry, with a few September showers helping to recharge soils and balance brix and phenolic ripeness. Pick time proved important, as sugars rose quickly in September and October. Mother Nature cooperated in allowing us to pick according to our preferences, without having to dodge rain storms. 2018 will certainly prove to continue the string of excellent vintages that started in 2014.

WINEMAKING NOTES

In order to build a complex and layered Willamette Valley blend, we used open-top, closed-top, and rotator barrel fermentations. For the open-top tanks, we favored punch-downs, whereas the closed-top tanks received pump-overs exclusively. The rotator barrels spun on a schedule yielding a gentle extraction. All methods also received a minimum of two rack-and-returns at precise times during the fermentation process. Nearly all lots were cold-soaked for up to 10 days, and ambient yeasts carried out the fermentation. In total, we utilized 33% whole clusters, and 20% of the wine went through an extended maceration. The wine was aged for 11 months in 10% new French oak. Unfined.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Brilliant ruby-red. This shows fleshy raspberry and red cherry, rosehip, cinnamon, white pepper and slate, with classic Willamette Valley fresh tilled soil. This glides effortlessly across the palate showing cherry and blackberry fruit on a soft, acid driven frame. Notes of brown spice, pepper, potpourri, and slate linger.

2018 Five FACES Pinot Noir

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Pinot Noir
2018
Willamette Valley, Oregon

Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Willamette Valley
Clones	113, 114, 115, 667, 777, Pommard, Coury, Wadenswil
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.67
TA	5.2 g/L
Brix at Harvest	23.1-25.3
Aging Regime	10% new French oak
Drinking Window	Drink now through 2028
Cases Produced	740

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