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2018 Tenebris  
Pinot Noir

## VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Tenebris pays homage to our family motto on the Fullerton crest, Lux in Tenebris, which translates to “Light in Darkness.” Tenebris is a barrel selection of our four finest barrels from the vintage, blending terroirs and clones from our best sites to capture the pinnacle of the vintage. This year one barrel came from each Bella Vida, Lichtenwalter, and Momtazi vineyards, and two from Björnson.

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 Tenebris we strive to showcase the pinnacle of the vintage. In 2018 Tenebris is a selection of five barrels from four vineyards, Bella Vida, Björnson, Lichtenwalter, and Momtazi. It is from 80% volcanic and 20% sedimentary soils; 20% new oak and 80% second fill. A barrel of Bella Vida brings plush red fruit and a high-pitched aromatics. Two barrels of Björnson, from two different blocks, lend the wine deep fruit and floral notes. One barrel of Lichtenwalter fills in the backbone with the spice, dark fruits, and bass notes common with sedimentary soil. Finally a barrel of Momtazi lifts the whole blend with its bright acidity and structured backbone, adding intensity to the fruit and complex, funky spice notes. Together these barrels create an aromatic and intensely flavored wine that only a vintage like 2018 can produce.

## WINEMAKER’S TASTING NOTES

*The pinnacle of the 2018 vintage, pours a deep, slightly opaque, ruby-red. Fresh and intense on the nose with beguiling aromatics of sandal wood, strawberry, cherry, blackcurrant, rosehip, roasted hazelnut, oolong tea, forest-floor, river-rock, and violet. The palate is simultaneously powerful and elegant, potent yet delicate. Mouth filling notes of mixed berry and perfumed spice, with complex mineral, floral, and earthy hints lingering gently.*



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Willamette Valley
Clones	113, 114, 667, 777, Pommard, Wädenswil
Alcohol	13.8%
pH	3.54
TA	5.4 g/L
Brix at Harvest	22.9-24.3
Aging Regime	20% new, 80% 2nd fill
Drinking Window	Drink now through 2030+
Cases Produced	120

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