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## VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

On the western slope of the south-facing Ribbon Ridge sits the lovely Lichtenwalter Vineyard. Here Willakenzie soils, derived from ancient sedimentary seabed, coax black fruits and concentrated spices out of the wines.

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, rather than according to her schedule due to fall storms. 2018 will certainly prove to continue the string of excellent vintages that started in 2014.

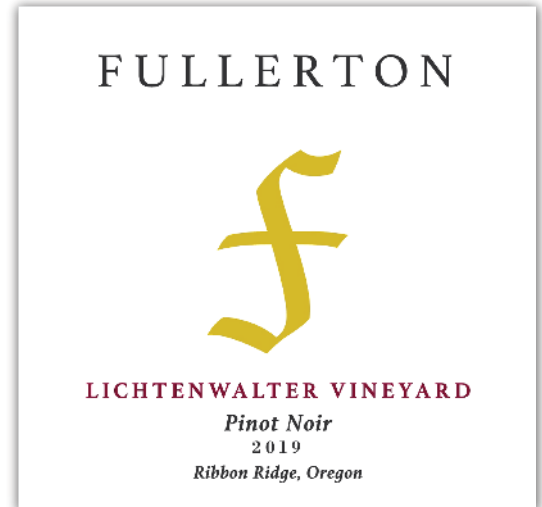
## WINEMAKING NOTES

Made from three different blocks within the vineyard, 114 from very shallow soils at the top of the hill that ripen early and contiguous blocks of 777 and Wadenswil on the bench co-fermented. The 114 was fully destemmed and fermented warm and quickly for smooth structure and bright fruit, the 777/Wadenswil co-ferment was kept cooler and utilized about 40% whole clusters for floral, spice driven aromatics and firm tannin structure. Together they show off the gorgeous floral berry fruit and delicate nature of the vineyard. Aged for 12 months in barrels and 5 months in tank before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

## WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Vivid ruby red in the glass. The nose offers up delicious scents of sour cherry, bilberry, and cranberry interwoven with the classic Ribbon Ridge baking spice and red flowers. This is a bright and acid driven version of Lichtenwalter with layers and layers of complexity and nuance. You will find mixed berry and cherry co mingling with damp earth, spice, and floral notes in this very food friendly wine.

## 2019 LICHTENWALTER VINEYARD *Pinot Noir*



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Ribbon Ridge
Clones	114, 777 and Wadenswil
Alcohol	13.6%
pH	3.56
TA	5.6 g/L
Brix at Harvest	23.2-23.4
Aging Regime	30% new oak
Drinking Window	Drink now through 2029
Cases Produced	250

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