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WINERY

2014 LOVE, OREGON PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley, Oregon

TASTING NOTES:

COLOR – rich blood ruby, translucent

AROMAS – basil, sage and warm grass

FLAVORS – plum, damson, black cherry, hibiscus, elderflower and rose petals. floral tea with a hint of dark chocolate

STRUCTURE – fresh edges, medium weight and raw silk mouthfeel

FOOD PAIRING: Earthy Mushrooms in Puff Pastry, Pork Loin Seasoned with the Flavors of Provence, Roast Duck with Rosemary White Beans

VINTAGE: In 2014, every major vineyard event – bud break, bloom, veraison, harvest – arrived 2-3 weeks earlier than usual. It was an unusually warm vintage and with extremely successful fertilization during bloom, the vintage was also characterized by very large yields. We began harvest September 17th and knowing we were facing a tidal wave of grape juice, the trick was to figure out how to get it all in and where to put it. We delayed as long as we could and were blessed with a little rain in the end of September, which helped balance most of our crop by lowering the sugars and adjusting the acids and pHs. That rain gave us the extra time we needed to reach the mature flavors we were after. The last fruit came in on October 9th. The vintage bore lots of wine with fully developed flavors, deep color, and very outgoing fruit flavors.

VINEYARDS: 37% Courting Hill, 12% Lazy River, 8% Tukwilla, 11% Dux, 20% Menefee, 12% Elkhorn Ridge

WINEMAKING: We destemmed this fruit into one ton fermenters. We then inoculated with our proprietary concoction of cultivated yeast and fermented the wine to approximately 7 brix. The wine was delestaged (*a kind of rack and return that softens tannins*) and then 48 hours later was pressed to tank. We let it settle for 3 days, and then racked the wine into 5-year-old neutral French oak barrels where it rested for 23 months before bottling.



TECH SPECS:

Alc: 13.7%, TA: 7.6,
pH: 3.57, RS: <0.2%

COMPOSITION:

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD SOURCE:

Courting Hill, Lazy River,
Tukwilla, Menefee, Dux,
Elkhorn Ridge

AVA: Willamette Valley

CASES PRODUCED: 3,840

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