



MONTINORE ESTATE

2018

RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

AVERAGE VINE AGE
12-36 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

CLONES
**POMMARD
WÄDENSWIL
DIJON**

HARVEST DATE
**SEPTEMBER 30 -
OCTOBER 7**

COOPERAGE
**100% FRENCH
41% NEW OAK
AGED 10 MONTHS**

pH
3.52

TA
6.2

RS
.04%

ALCOHOL
13.4%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
DECEMBER 2019

THE VINTAGE

An exceptional vintage, the spring and summer of 2018 were some of the warmest and driest on record, and fairly uneventful. Bud break came just a little earlier than average and progressed smoothly. A long cool autumn extended the growing season, allowing the grapes to hang on the vine and develop flavors while retaining acidity. Harvest came fast with a short window and the fruit was impeccably clean and ripe, with good acid and great flavors.

THE WINEMAKING

The Reserve is an expression of the highest-quality Pinot Noir from the estate vineyard each vintage. Grapes from our best estate growing sites are fermented and aged separately and assembled after maturation. The 2018 Reserve includes wine from three of the vineyard's most notable blocks: Graham's, Parsons' and Plumlee. Lots from each block underwent fermentation separately using both commercial and indigenous yeast for full expression of clonal and terroir characteristics. Through rigorous tasting trials, the final blend is assembled from the best barrels after maturation, assembled in tank and returned to neutral puncheons for additional ageing before being bottled in the winter. The 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir is a great representation of the best of the vineyard and a reflection of a delightful vintage.

THE WINE

The Reserve Pinot is a thoughtfully curated barrel selection from the best blocks the estate offers. Wafts of black cherry, plum and fig jam are laced with a hint of fragrant violet and subtle cedar notes. Cherry continues on the palate, mingling with loganberry and pomegranate. Youthful tannins offer pleasing tension, while balanced acidity lends to a clean finish. It's ready to drink now and will evolve beautifully over time.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by CCOF

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