



Winemaker

Stephen Cary

AVA

McMinnville

Vineyard Composition

100% Estate Grown

Harvest

Picked: 9/21-9/25/15

Yield: 3.5 tons/acre

Brix: 22.0

pH: 3.28

TA: 6.13 g/L

Fermentation

Fermented in Stainless Steel

Duration: 20 days

Aging

5 months in 100% Stainless Steel

Bottling

February 2, 2016

Alcohol: 13%

pH: 3.28

TA: 6.4 g/L

R.S.: 0.9%

Production: 1000 cases

Vineyard

We are the second oldest vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. McMinnville AVA is known for having intense, enduring wines. Some of our top soils were brought here over 15,000 years ago in the Missoula floods, which makes this area incredibly unique. We have the perfect climate for growing Pinot grapes, being in the rain-shadow of the Coastal Foothills, with winds that form from the Van Duzer corridor, and western facing sloping hillsides. All of this makes for unique wines of quality and distinction, grown 100% from our Estate.

Vintage

2015 was the warmest year on record in the Willamette Valley, bud break started in mid-March, and a warm spring supported vine growth in preparation for flowering and fruit set, which again were both earlier than usual. The early start in spring was followed by a warm dry summer, which gave winegrowers flexibility to pick earlier than usual, and make calls based solely on perfect ripeness and flavor development in mid September before rain and birds arrived. 2015 was a stellar and rare Oregon growing season.

Winemaking

Grapes were hand-picked and delivered to the crush pad where they were meticulously hand sorted, de-stemmed and pressed right away. Juice was settled overnight, and then racked and inoculated. A slow, cool fermentation encouraged a full bouquet to accompany complex flavors.

Tasting Notes

A co-fermentation of 20% Pinot Blanc and 80% Pinot Noir, highlights the best of both varietals; a round vibrant texture with hints of minerality from the Pinot Blanc compliment the Pinot Noir's rich floral notes of violet and rose petal. The wine displays a beautiful coral hue, and shows flavors of passion fruit, pomegranate, and strawberry. Pairs well with shades and a sunhat, for a restful and refreshing experience.