



# 2016

## Pinot Noir Tall Poppy

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*Vineyard:* Established in 1983, Yamhill Valley Vineyards is the second oldest vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. We produce 100% estate grown wines from our 150-acre estate located in the Willamette Valley. Thanks to the geologic history and geographic location, our site is known for intense, enduring wines, grown with distinction. The 2016 Tall Poppy is comprised of the Pommard clone coming from four blocks within our estate; Old Pommard, Upper Morning Light, Barn, and Lakeview.

*Vintage:* The 2016 growing season started early in spring and did not slow down, bringing us our earliest harvest on record. The summer was long and dry, yielding intense, beautiful fruit with a softer texture, more black fruit flavors and more intensity than usual.

*Winemaking:* Grapes were hand-picked and delivered to the crush pad where they were hand-sorted and de-stemmed. After a one-day cold soak they were inoculated and punched down daily. Once the tannins, color, acidity, and complex fruit flavors found their balance, the free run was removed, settled, and put to barrel. This wine aged in barrel for 16 months in 55% new French oak, picking up more layers of complexity and bold aromatics to accentuate the generous black fruit qualities.

*Tasting Notes:* This beautiful Tall Poppy, from a generously ripe vintage, shows aromatics of mocha, delicate rose, wild mushroom, black currant and marjoram. On the palate you will notice supple, soft tannin, fresh marionberry, rich, dense blackberry, and earthy undertones. After sipping, enjoy the long decadent finish expressing notes of baking spice and black cherry.

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Winemaker:	Alcohol:	RS:	pH:	TA:
Ariel Eberle	14.2%	0.9 g/l	3.55	6.0 g/l

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