



BENTON-LANE

2018 Benton-Lane Pinot Noir

GROWING SEASON

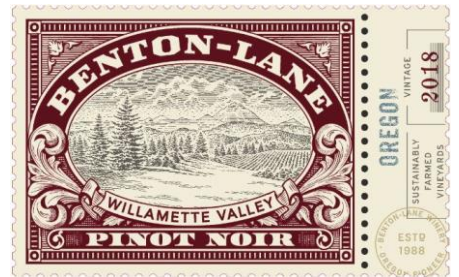
After multiple warm vintages in a row, the 2018 growing season began patiently with cooler temperatures prior to bud break. Warmer weather arrived in late spring and continued through summer with little precipitation. As harvest approached, temperatures remained warm, resulting in deliciously ripe grapes able to be picked when they reached their full expression. The resulting Pinot Noirs show a level of freshness not often seen in tandem with such concentrated fruit flavors and high-toned aromatics.

VINIFICATION

Finding the true expression of each block of Pinot Noir at our 140-acre estate vineyard requires diligence and attentiveness. Each section was picked and fermented separately, utilizing open and closed-top fermenters, depending on the need of each wine. A range of cellar techniques were employed to coax expressive aromas, ripe fruit flavors, and delicate tannins. After fermentation, the wine was barrel aged in 18% new French oak for 10 months, and then bottled in August of 2019.

THE WINE

Deep and rich while maintaining freshness, the 2018 Benton-Lane Estate Pinot Noir is complex without being heavy. Vibrant notes of tart cranberry awaken the palate balanced by warm winter spices, currants and dark cherries. This true expression of Oregon pinot noir sparks memories of cool fall days, warmed by a wood fire.



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| GRAPE SOURCE | 100% Benton-Lane Estate Pinot Noir |
| APPELLATION | Willamette Valley, Oregon |
| HARVEST DATES | 9/20-10/4 |
| ALCOHOL | 14.5% |
| AGING | 10 Months in French Oak, 18% new |

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