



ILLAHE ESTATE PERCHERON BLOCK PINOT NOIR 2018



TECHNICAL DATA:

VINTAGE NOTES:

2018 was another great vintage in Oregon. We had a moderate winter and normal budbreak and bloom in the spring. By summer we were back to warmer than usual temperatures, similar to 2014, 15 and 16 (this seems to be a trend now). We had a cool-down at the beginning of September which allowed for great flavor development before picking. We are looking forward to seeing these wines develop in bottle for years to come.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

This pinot is 100% estate grown and hand picked. It is from a single block at the very top of our hill that we consider to be the best block of pinot noir in our vineyard. We named this block after our Percheron draft horses. Fermentation is 100% native yeast. We macerate on the skins for 24 days and press in a wood basket. This wine is aged for 16 months in barrel with 50% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

Complex nose of ripe pomegranate and cranberries with aromas of cigar box, cloves and fresh marzipan. Elegant and structured on the palate, with prominent but well-integrated tannins that create great depth and texture. Flavors of cocoa-dusted almonds, spices and a touch of earth.

Production: 405 cases
AVA: Willamette Valley
Winemaker: Brad Ford
ABV: 14%
pH: 3.4
FSO2: 28ppm
TA: 6.3 g/L
Vineyard: Illahe Vineyards
Soil: Sedimentary clay
Elevation: 350-450 feet

100% Native fermentation
33% whole cluster
16 months in 50% new French oak

LIVE Certified grapes
Salmon Safe
Deep Roots Coalition (dry farmed)

**SMALL LOTS
BARREL AGED
HORSE
DRAWN
WOODEN BASKET PRESSED**



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