

2016 RED HILLS PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD SOURCE

100% Red Hills Estate

FARMING

By hand using sustainable practices

CLONAL COMPOSITION

Dijon clones 115, 777, 667, 114, 113, Pommard, and proprietary clone ASW2

FERMENTATION

Fermented in wooden, concrete, and stainless steel open top tanks

ÉLEVAGE

Aged 13 months in 54% new French oak barrels from Tonnellerie Rousseau, Billon, Francios Frerer, Louie Latour, Marcel Cadet, Boutes, and Meyreiux

BOTTLING DATE

December 2017

CELLARING

Ten to fifteen years

ALCOHOL

14.0%

PRODUCTION

864 Cases

PRICE

\$100

VINEYARDS

Our Red Hills Estate is a 23 acre vineyard in the Dundee Hills AVA. This gentle, south-facing slope ranges in elevation from 360 to 570 feet and is composed of basaltic Jory soil. Vines here range from 20 year-old self-rooted Pommard clones planted to 800 vines per acre, to Dijon clones planted to 4,800 vines per acre. Farming is meticulous and detailed, utilizing sustainable practices. This vineyard produces one of our finest vineyard designate wines.

WINEMAKING

Fruit for the 2016 vintage was hand picked on September 10th through 13th. The fruit was hand sorted and soaked cold for five to ten days, after which native yeast fermentation was allowed to proceed under temperature-controlled conditions with 40% whole cluster contribution in wooden, concrete and stainless steel open top fermentors. During primary fermentation, tanks were punched down up to three two per day.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Red Hills Vineyard Pinot
Noir is graceful and seductive, inviting
further contemplation with hints of
dried Porcini, blood orange, fresh
mulberry, and black tea leaves. Plush
flavors of ripe blueberry and black
raspberry are laid overtop a distinct
note of freshly tilled sweet earth.
The lengthy and elegant finish is
highlighted by a touch of Douglass fir
and freshly baked mushroom tart.