



2012 RED HILLS ESTATE

Dundee Hills Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS

Our Red Hills Estate is a 23 acre vineyard in the Dundee Hills AVA. This gentle, south-facing slope reaches in elevation from 360 to 570 feet and is composed of Basaltic 'Jory' soils. Vines here range from 20 year-old self-rooted Pommard clones planted to 800 vines per acre to Dijon clones planted to 4800 vines per acre. Farming is meticulous and detailed, utilizing sustainable practices. This vineyard produces one of our finest vineyard designated wines.

WINEMAKING

Fruit for the 2012 vintage was hand picked between October 3rd through October 17th. 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 14% whole cluster contribution in both wooden and stainless steel open top fermentors. During primary fermentation, tanks were punched down up to three times per day. After limited post-fermentation maceration, the wine was sent via gravity to 46% new French oak barrels and aged for 10 months.

TASTING NOTES

This vintage of our Red Hills Estate Pinot Noir exhibits the aromatic hallmarks of the vineyard: fresh Bing cherry, mountain strawberry and red currant fruits framed by red rose petal and peony florals. Elegant and satiny, the palate enters with ripe berry flavors amid touches of baking spice and Tahitian vanilla bean. The finish is lengthy, with a pronounced concentration of fruit and lingering touches of mineral and spice.



VINEYARD SOURCE

100% Red Hills Estate

TIMES VINES TOUCHED PER YEAR 12

FARMING

By hand using sustainable practices

CLONAL COMPOSITION

Dijon Clones 777, 115, 114, 667, Pommard and proprietary clone ASW2

FERMENTATION

Fermented in wooden and stainless steel open top tanks

ÉLEVAGE

Aged 10 months in 46% new French oak barrels from Tonnellerie Rousseau, Francois Freres and Mercurey

TOTAL BARREL AGING 10 months

BOTTLING DATE September 2013

CELLARING Ten to fifteen years

SRP \$85

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