WILLAMETTE VALLEY VINEYARDS

Whole Cluster

PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY · OREGON

# WHOLE CLUSTER PINOT NOIR

## OUR STORY

Whole cluster refers to making wine with entire bunches of grapes including the stems, a style that was common until the invention of destemming machines. Years ago, Founder Jim Bernau began experimenting with Pinot Noir by gently dropping hand-picked whole clusters in a chilled stainless fermenter, pushing all the oxygen out with  $CO_2$  and sealing the vessel tight. What happened next was magical – the berries started to swell and turn pink. When they burst, they released the most aromatic, fermenting Pinot Noir.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas and flavors of raspberry and strawberry preserves accented by savory cardamom spice and earth.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

This wine pairs with barbecue dishes, sushi, spicy Asian and Indian dishes, wood-fired flatbreads, gourmet burgers and salmon.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Grape Type: Pinot Noir Appellation: Willamette Valley Fermentation: Whole Cluster Fermentation in stainless steel tanks Refer to wine back label for additional tech.

### HISTORY OF SUCCESS

91 pts. & Editors' Choice – Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 2020, 2019, 2018 & 2017

