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

