

cedar + salmon

PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY / 2018

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Aromas of chocolate cherries in tilled soil leads to a plethora of savory and bold notes. Cigar box, root beer, and black plum make for a concentrated, muscle-driven pinot noir. Its earthy nature is tempered by ripe black cherry and sandalwood, emphasizing a silky mouthfeel.

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WINEMAKER NOTES

The spring and summer of the 2018 growing season were some of the warmest and driest on record in the Willamette Valley. Followed by cool autumn weather, the Pinot Noir fruit ripened to its full potential. Gentle handling and de-stemming at the winery retained freshness and preserved the texture sought after in Pinot Noir. The juice was fermented on the skins for 15-20 days at 80-90F, then gently pressed to stainless steel for settling. The wine was then aged in a mixture of oak and stainless steel for seven months before being racked clean prior to blending and bottling.

FOOD PAIRINGS

This Willamette Valley Pinot Noir pairs exceptionally with earthy cheeses, wild mushroom pasta and panseared duck with a wild berry reduction sauce.