Beaux Frères
Oregon Pinot Noir

UPPER TERRACE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2017

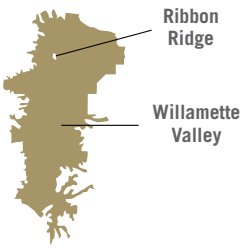
The Upper Terrace Vineyard, just north and a bit higher elevation from the Beaux Frères Vineyard, was first planted in 2000. It is comprised of Dijon clones of Pinot Noir covering about 9 acres of the 40-acre site—the rest is densely forested.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Pinot Noir
VINEYARD: Upper Terrace
VINEYARD LOCATION: Ribbon Ridge
VINEYARD SIZE: 9 Acre
EXPOSURE: Southeast, south and southwest facing hillsides
TYPE OF SOILS: Willakenzie Soils

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

HARVEST: September 17th to October 5th
VINIFICATION: Primary fermentation in small vats for 18 to 20 days, with some of this fruit being fermented using whole clusters.
MATURING: 11 months in French oak barrels with approximately 40% new
AGING POTENTIAL: 10+ years
ALCOHOL CONTENT: 13.9%

TASTING NOTES:

Our cherished, enigmatic 9-acre site continues to inspire and surprise us. Its sweet earth and spice aromas always prevail, yet in this vintage we discovered a new bouquet of wildflower blooms — a welcome evolution, or perhaps a signature of the vintage. The palate shows hallmark depth and balance, with candied berry, granite, and a waft of expertly roasted coffee. Long, lithe tannins carry the composition to an electric finish. We noted several moments passed before full expression in the glass, promoting our strong suspicion of timeless cellar potential.

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