



*trisaetum*

## 2015 ESTATES RESERVE PINOT NOIR

### TRISAETUM STORY

In 2003, Andrea and James Frey founded Trisaetum in one of the few places where climate, soil, and entrepreneurial spirit combine to produce some of the world's best wines. Today, the family owned and operated winery in the heart of Oregon's Ribbon Ridge AVA produces small lots of acclaimed Pinot Noir, Riesling, and Chardonnay from its three estate vineyards.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Estates Reserve Pinot Noir is a fourteen-barrel blend from our three estate vineyards. Aromas of black cherry and black raspberry are complemented with hints of leather, sweet tobacco, and toasted nuts. An intriguing note of white pepper further complements the impressive nose. The tannins are electric, yet have a polished finesse. The finish is a marathon, not a sprint. This wine has definite staying power, and should age for the next 15-20 years.

### VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

The 2015 vintage started very early, with bud break in mid-March, and progressed through a warm, dry growing season. Late August rains, which helped refresh the vineyard, were followed by a cool and dry September that allowed for a long and quite pleasant harvest. Pinot Noir was picked starting on September 3rd on the Ribbon Ridge Estate, and finally concluded on September 28th when the last of our fruit from the Coast Range made its way to the winery. James opted for more native indigenous yeast ferments in 2015, as well as more whole-cluster ferments than previous vintages. The wines were aged in a mixture of new and neutral French oak barrels from the forests of Nevers, Allier, Limousin and Tronçais.

### ESTATE VINEYARD

Coast Range Estate: 17 acres of Pinot Noir are planted in a unique mix of volcanic and marine sedimentary soils on the cooler and very steep slopes of our vineyard in the Coast Range at the southernmost tip of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

Ribbon Ridge Estate: 17 acres of Pinot Noir are planted in high-quartz sandstone soils at the warmest site of our three estates in the heart of the Ribbon Ridge AVA. This estate is also home to our modern winemaking facility.

Wichmann Dundee Estate: 6 acres of Pinot Noir are planted in volcanic Jory soils typical of the Dundee Hills AVA. This old vine site is also the highest in elevation, at 700 feet, of our three estates.



### APPELLATION:

Willamette Valley AVA

### SOIL:

Volcanic Jory, Nekia, Willakenzie, sandstone & marine sedimentary soils

### CLONAL SELECTION:

Pommard, Wadensvil, Dijon 777, 667, 114, 115 & Coury

### COOPERAGES:

100% French oak barrels from eight coopers, selected for tightness of grain, low tannin and light toast levels, allowing the fruit profile to shine.

### HARVEST DATES:

September 3rd - 28th, 2015

### BOTTLING DATE:

January 2016

### PRODUCTION:

358 cases produced

### RELEASE DATE:

Spring 2018

### ABV:

13.7%

### ACCOLADES:

2015 - 95 points, Pinot File  
2015 - 94 points, Vinous  
2014 - 92 points, Wine Enthusiast  
2013 - 93 points, Wine Enthusiast  
2013 - 92 points, Wine Advocate  
2012 - 94 points, Wine Enthusiast

James Frey, Winemaker/Proprietor