



trisaetum

2015 WICHMANN DUNDEE ESTATE 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

100% Estate fruit exclusively from our highest elevation vineyard. The brilliant ruby color immediately charms the senses. Notes of crushed rose petals, red cherry, and toasted coconut interweave harmoniously with star anise and pink peppercorn. The palate is equally as captivating and offers refined flavors of cherry pie and hazelnuts. The tannins are utterly fine grained and bring to mind chai tea. This wine is sure to age beautifully over the next 10-12 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

Wichmann Dundee Estate (Dundee Hills AVA) This 10-acre site has 8 acres planted to vine in the Dundee Hills AVA and is also the highest in elevation of our three estates. The estate is sustainably and dry-farmed in an attempt to carefully manage our vineyards so that we are able to achieve a concentration of flavors and an expression of place in our wines. 6 acres of old vine Pinot Noir are planted entirely in volcanic Jory soils typical of the Red Hills of Dundee, and produces graceful, elegant Pinot Noirs with velvety texture.



APPELLATION:
Dundee Hills AVA

SOIL:
Very deep, well-drained soils formed in the colluvium derived from basic igneous rock. The volcanic Jory soils are comprised of dark reddish brown silty clay loam at the subsurface, and red clays at lower subsoil levels.

CLONAL SELECTION:
Pommard, Coury, Dijon 777, 667, & 115

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: August 2016

PRODUCTION: 288 cases produced

RELEASE DATE: Fall 2017

ABV: 13.5%

ACCOLADES:
2015 - 94 points, Wine Enthusiast
2015 - 93 points, International Wine Report
2015 - 92 points, Vinous
2014 - 93 points, Wine Enthusiast
2013 - 94 points, Wine Enthusiast

James Frey, Winemaker/Proprietor