



## 2016 WILLAMETTE VALLEY 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

This Pinot Noir is a combination of barrels from our three estate vineyards, representing the best AVAs of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Deep ruby in color, with aromas of cranberry, blackberry, and baking spices. Dark fruited flavors of plum are brightened by summer blackberry; hints of licorice and star anise linger on the complex finish. Plush tannins round out the vibrant acidity and allow the luscious fruit to shine through to the finish. Enjoy this classic Pinot Noir now and over the next 8 years.

### VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

The 2016 vintage started very early, with bud break at the end of March, and progressed through a warm, dry growing season. Pinot Noir was picked starting on August 30th on the Ribbon Ridge Estate; and finally concluded on September 22nd when the last of our fruit from the Coast Range made its way to the winery. Given the warm, dry vintage, James opted to start all ferments with native indigenous yeast in 2016, 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 VINEYARDS

Coast Range Estate: 16 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: 12 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 estate vineyards.



**APPELLATION:**  
Willamette Valley

**SOIL:**  
Volcanic & 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:**  
August 30th - September 22nd, 2016

**BOTTLING DATE:**  
August 2017

**PRODUCTION:**  
2,965 cases

**RELEASE DATE:**  
Spring 2018

**ACCOLADES:**  
2016 - 91 points, Wine Spectator  
2016 - 91 points, Int'l Wine Report  
2015 - 91 points, Wine Enthusiast  
2014 - 91 points, Wine Spectator  
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James Frey, Winemaker/Proprietor