

## 2018 Fall Pinot Collection

### 2015 Megan Anne Dundee Hills Pinot Noir 55/BTL

A beautifully pure garnet color draws you in to floral aromatics of rose and violet accompanied by blackberry, currant, dark soil and tarragon. Rich flavors of blueberry and roasted plum gently unfold on the palate carried by lush, silky tannins. The volcanic soils of this AVA and mature rootstock that is some of the oldest in the valley make for a gentle but structured mouthfeel containing further notes of Earl Gray tea, dark cherry and baking spices. The finish is long and silky, giving hints to what this wine could become a few years down the road.

### 2015 Lavinea Temperance Hill Pinot Noir 75/BTL

Deep purple with black cherry hues and a youthful bluish edge, the first scents boast a complex, compelling mixture of red and dark fruits intermingled with earth, spice and red licorice. These aromas evolve in the glass, revealing red cherries in kirsch and fresh blueberries that enhance the earthy background. The smooth and soft entry travels the length of the wine, and reveals a youthful soft texture, and a long finish that dances between red and black fruit with lingering mineral notes. Truly an ageworthy and compelling wine. Vinous 95 Points

### 2014 Andrew Rich Eola-Amity Pinot Noir 42/BTL

In the summer of 2014, when my buddy Ken from Walter Scott Wines hooked me up with a couple of Eola Amity vineyards, it was a dream come true. I'd been wanting to source fruit from that AVA for some time. I love the softness of the Pinots, grown mostly on Volcanic soils, married to the vibrant acidity found at some sites, thanks to the winds that kick through the Van Duzer Corridor each afternoon. In this case, the 667 clone at Eola Springs Vineyard contributed dark berry flavors and a lush body, whereas 115, from Bieze Vineyard, next door to the fabled Seven Springs, was more red fruited with vibrant acidity. I feel that the wine shows not just the hallmarks of the region but the sort of restraint you might not expect from a hot vintage. With two-and-a-half years in bottle, this wine is really singing, and can be enjoyed over the next four or five years. Wine and Spirits, Wine Enthusiast, Vinous: 92 Points.

### 2016 Ratio Jessie James Vineyard Pinot Noir 50/BTL

Jessie James Vineyard sits high up in the northern end of Eola-Amity Hills. The 2016, made with 30% whole cluster, explodes from the glass with juicy red and black fruits intermingled with cocoa, tobacco, iron, and sandalwood. You might think there is new oak here, but it was made entirely in neutral barrels; the stems add the woody complexity. The supple palate is bright and fresh with surprising vitality; cranberry with a pop of Meyer lemon. Together all these traits warrant time in the bottle, but this wine is lovely at the table now with cranberry-glazed pork, roasted bird, or sage-infused butternut squash soup.

### 2009 Wahle Willamette Valley Pinot Noir 40/BTL

With a light peppery nose and luxardo cherries, this Pinot begs to be paired with a wild mushrooms dish. It has a woody and warm finish with bright red fruits. 70% of the fruit comes from our original Yamhill Vineyard planted in 1974 and 30% from our Holmes Hill Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills. Pommard clone contributes heavily to this wine, complemented by 777 and 115 clones.

### 2015 Lazy River August Wilhelm Reserve Pinot Noir 52/BTL

The 2015 rendition of August Wilhelm Reserve is a worthy successor to the inaugural 2014. The highly perfumed, complex nose combines black cherry, subtle vanilla, and brioche with toasted nuts and intricate spice. The palate is fresh and focused while, at the same time, showing great concentration and power. Raspberry and spice resonate on the extremely long finish. This is a wine that delivers right now but is also built for the long term in bottle.