



VINEYARD

100% Patton Valley Vineyard, Willamette Valley, Oregon

pH 3.55	HARVEST September 16 - October 12, 2014	ALCOHOL 13.7%
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Dijon Clones 115, 777 & Pommard

ÉLEVAGE Aged in 40% new French Oak barrels for 12 months	PRODUCTION Hand-picked, basket pressed, native yeast, unfiltered
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The Patton Valley Vineyard is a unique and delightful slice of grape growing heaven. Plopped on top of a little outcropping in the foothills of the Coast Range at an elevation of 300-500ft, we have all aspects, a single soil type called Laurelwood, ample sun and cool breezes. Basically, paradise.

We farm our site organically, and under the LIVE guidelines, to allow the fruit produced here to thrive without having to choke on chemicals. It is a hands-on approach to farming that keeps us very busy amongst the vines.

In the winery, by contrast, we are hands-off, fermenting under native yeasts, and bottling without filtering or fining. This approach gives our site, our fruit, and our resultant wines the loudest voice in room, rather than process.

2014 started slow, but a warm, dry summer broke through and provided steady sun for a long, even season of ripening. At the time, everyone called it “perfect”, and it has thus far remained exceptional. Harvest was easy and rain-free, allowing us to pick through a longer window, and process more deliberately and with less panic, our usual state. The wines from this vintage are structured, balanced, and impressive.

Planted in 1997 on our eastern slope, the 10 Acre block is the oldest section of the Estate vineyard. The block gets its full sun in the cool, mild morning hours. This wine was created to exemplify how cooler conditions impact Pinot Noir, and to honor our first plantings. The resultant wines are delicate, with finesse and fine balance.

This is broadly structured, with deep, dense, black and purple fruit on the nose, with cream and raspberry notes. Lively and spritely textured with surprising breadth, the palate is consistently fruit forward and complex, with lingering dark cocoa and red fruit. Intense and inviting now, this should develop beneficially for 5-12 years.

125 Cases Produced