



VINEYARD
100% Patton Valley Vineyard, Willamette Valley, Oregon

pH 3.46	HARVEST September 16 - October 12, 2014	ALCOHOL 13.8%
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Dijon Clones 667, 777, Pommard & Wädenswil

ÉLEVAGE Aged in 30% new French Oak barrels for 16 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.

The Lorna-Marie Pinot Noir bottling represents the very best and most complex barrels of any given vintage at our Estate, ostensibly our Reserve wine. Named for the mothers of two of our owners, the Lorna-Marie is an annual tribute to their beauty, grace, perseverance, strength, and magic.

Assertive, broad shouldered and almost theatrical, this wine is intense. A layered, nuanced wine throughout, the textures push and pull with fine tannin, generous fruit, refreshing tension, and just the right amount of power. Red, blue, and black fruit persist with exotic but integrated spice combining for a decadent palate expression. This wine is a treat now, but should reward those that save it for as many as 15 years.

170 Cases Produced