



VINEYARD
100% Patton Valley Vineyard, Willamette Valley, Oregon

pH 3.48	HARVEST September 16 - October 12, 2014	ALCOHOL 14%
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Dijon Clone 115 & Wädenswil

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. Plotted 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 predominant south to southwestern exposure and steep slope of this most western block at the Estate is defined by its exposure to the afternoon sun and warmer temperatures. This special wine illustrates the impact of aspect on Pinot Noir, resulting in wines with structure, depth and power.

The most muscular of our small batch wines, the West Block comes across as the burly counterpart to 10 Acre, while keeping classic form, elegance, and balance. The nose is bramble fruits, cherry, and spice, but earth lingers. The structure is forward and broad shouldered, with ample fruit and body to support it. This will please those Pinot lovers that desire structure when its young, and develop slowly for 8-15 years.

125 Cases Produced