



2017

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

King Estate Willamette Valley Pinot Noir reflects an excellence recognized worldwide. Made with the best selection of grapes each year, the 2017 vintage was sourced primarily from King Estate's certified Biodynamic® vineyard as well as a handful of like-minded sustainably-farmed vineyards throughout the Willamette Valley.

### TASTING NOTES

This 2017 Pinot Noir has a deep garnet color with bright red edges. The nose is expressive with fruit forward notes of ripe strawberry, Bing cherry and black tea, framed by subtle aromas of cigar box and toasted vanilla. The flavors tend toward the red fruit spectrum, with raspberry and ripe strawberry leading the way. There are sweet oak flavors from the barrel aging along with gentle vanilla tinges. Enjoy now through 2037.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

These 100% Pinot Noir grapes are meticulously hand-sorted. Each lot is fermented in small batches with up to 20% whole cluster inclusion. Stainless steel fermentation with daily punch downs and pump overs is followed by malolactic fermentation. These distinct vineyards lots are barrel-aged for 8-10 months in French oak barrels before we make the final blend.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a classic Oregon vintage, with bud break in late March, followed by bloom in mid to late June, and véraison in early to mid-August, roughly two weeks later than 2016. Fruit set was heavy, requiring judicious crop-thinning to promote grape quality. The later season combined with cool harvest weather, interrupted periodically by showers, slowed ripening, allowing for enhanced flavor development and acid retention while keeping potential alcohol levels in check.

Varietal: Pinot Noir

AVA: Willamette Valley

Sizes: Available in 375ml and 750ml

Alcohol: 13.5%

