

2018

L'Altra Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills
Willamette Valley, Oregon



Suggested Retail:
\$48

Vintage:

Rain and cooler temperatures in spring slowed down the beginning of the 2018 season. Budbreak did not occur till mid-April but thanks to warmer temperatures in late spring, the vines caught up and flowering happened early June. As a whole, summer was warmer than average but with no heat spikes (ie: above 100 F) which would have caused the vines to shut down. Veraison started on August 4th and led to a healthy and steady ripening of the clusters. Harvest was sunny and dry, and we even saw some cooler nights which helped to retain the natural acidity of the grapes. Altogether, 2018 had the potential to be one of the best quality harvests in the Willamette Valley.

The warmer and dryer than average growing season brought an early vintage at our Dundee estate. Harvest started on September 12th and by the 20th all our fruit was in. The moderate amount of sugar in the grapes allowed for a slow, controlled fermentation with gentle extraction, and soon the resulting wine was taken down into our French barriques to complete its secondary fermentation.

Tasting Notes:

Our 2018 L'Altra is 60% Pommard and 40% Dijon clones. On the nose, it displays fresh aromas of cranberry, crushed strawberries and hints of violet. Bright and vibrant in the mouth, the finish brings an extra layer of dusky spice, while the fine dry tannins will make your taste buds salivate. Graceful while stern, this wine is a classic example of a Dundee Hills Pinot Noir.

Vineyards:

Furioso Vineyard – Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon (estate)

Winemaking:

Case Production: 647 cases

Fermentation: wild fermentation, 100% destemmed, un-fined, unfiltered

Barrel regimen: 10 months in 25% new French oak

ABV: 12.9%

Cellaring: *Two to ten years post vintage. 2020 – 2028*

Accolades:

“Impressive, fresh aromas of violets and blueberries here with some gently herbal nuances, making for a complex, young impression. The palate has a super succulent and long feel with such attractive, fresh and smooth, fine tannins, casting plenty of fresh red-fruit flavor into the finish. Drink or hold.”

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