

2017 L'Altra Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills
Willamette Valley, Oregon



Suggested Retail:

\$53

Vintage:

Our 2017 L'Altra is the true expression of our estate Dundee Hills vineyard. Picked at the optimum balance of sugar and acid, the grapes from those old Pinot noir vines were 100% destemmed and naturally fermented in small 2-ton stainless steel tanks. A judicious combination of pump-overs and punch-downs proved successful in gently extracting the delicate tannins and complex aromas from the grape skins. Free-run and press fractions were kept separate and the wine was then aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 25% of which were new. It was during that time in our cellar that the wine spontaneously underwent its secondary fermentation, contributing to the wine's delicate texture.

Tasting Notes:

On the nose the wine has notes of blackberry, black cherry and cinnamon. In the mouth, velvety tannins are complimented by the natural acidity from the grapes, which carries the wine to a gratifying finish.

~Winemaker Dominique Mahé. Summer 2018.

Vineyard:

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

Winemaking:

Case Production: 675 cases

Fermentation: wild fermentation, 100% destemmed

Barrel regimen: 10 months in 25% new French oak

ABV: 13.1%

Cellaring:

Two to ten years post vintage. 2019 – 2027

Accolades:

US BEST PINOT NOIRS 2019 – Wine & Spirits Magazine

"This estate wine is pungently aromatic, like a spice box filled with cinnamon and cut tobacco. Yet the flavors are mouthwatering and pure, the cherry fruit framed in dusty mineral tannins that provide tension and grip; for duck confit." **93 pts**

"This wine has a very impressive and concentrated feel with such poise and purity, whilst delivering concentrated dark cherries in abundance. There's a lot of wine here, all delivered with such impressive balance and style. Drink or hold."

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