

2017 La Famiglia

Dundee Hills
Oregon



Dundee estate Furioso Vineyard

- Location: unincorporated Yamhill County
- Property: 10 acres in the Dundee Hills AVA
- Elevation: 400 to 509 feet MSL
- 8 acres under vine: 7ac Pinot noir, 1ac Chardonnay
- Majority of the vines are own rooted
- Typically cropped to 2.6 – 2.8 tons per acre
- Block 1 - Pommard
- Block 2 - Pommard
- Block 3 - Pommard
- Block 4 - Dijon 115
- Block 5 - Chardonnay
- Block 6 - Pommard, 115, 114, 113

Tasting Notes:

Our 2017 La Famiglia is a special wine created just for our La Famiglia Wine Club. This single-barrel of free-run Pinot Noir (only 300 bottles) was one of our most stunning barrels in our cellar that year. The fruit came from the old vines of Block 6, which is planted with a mix of Pinot Noir clones. It was part of a vineyard experiment in each the shoots were never hedged during the growing season but were allowed to grow free. Once the shoots largely overgrew the trellis system itself, the tips of the shoots were bundled together and tucked back into the canopy, which made each individual vine look like a heart. This technique is sometimes used in biodynamic vineyards, like at Domaine Romanée-Conti in Burgundy. After having been harvested at optimum conditions, the fruit was fermented in a small 2-t fermenter and the resulting wine was subsequently aged for 10 months in a one-year old French oak barrel from Tonnellerie Mercurey. On the nose, the wine shows notes of black licorice and blackberry with a hint of cacao. Medium bodied with a linear acidity, the wine displays a lovely structure complimented with flavors of red plums leading to a long black cherry finish. We recommend decanting an hour before serving, if opened in the first year of its release. It will pair well with a pheasant casserole or roasted quails and morels.

~Winemaker Dominique Mahé. Summer 2018.

Vineyards:

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Winemaking:

Case Production: 25 cases

Fermentation: wild fermentation, 100% destemmed

Barrel regimen: 10 months in a single one-year-old French oak barrel

ABV: 13.4%

Cellaring:

Three to ten years post vintage. 2020 – 2027

Decanting recommended if served before 2020.

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