

SEQUITUR

2018 PINOT NOIR “JACK”



BACKGROUND

The Sequitur Vineyard is a 12-acre site that is directly adjacent to Beaux Freres’s Upper Terrace vineyard. It is owned by Michael Etzel (Beaux Freres) and his wife, Carey Critchlow and is part of their home estate. Half of the vineyard was planted in 2012 (the Lavender Block) and the other half in the spring of 2013 (the Rosemary Block). What makes this site unique, in addition to the 17 diverse clones of pinot noir planted very densely, is the forest of Douglas Fir enclosing three sides of the vineyard. The trees give this gentle south slope protection from winds and preserves its native terroir. The virgin marine sediment soils in the vineyard have only been farmed with organic and biodynamic principles.

APPELLATION

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING

Every effort is made to showcase the integrity of the vineyard, the character of the vintage, and the essence of the varietal. This involves minimal handling, native yeast ferments, a vigilant commitment to reductive practices in the aging process, and a complete reliance on the finest French oak barrels. The wine is not fined.

2018 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 Pinot Noir was harvested September 19-22, 2018. The grapes spent an average of 18 days in a mix of wood and stainless steel during primary fermentation with whole cluster used in some batches. The wine was settled and put into French oak barrels (25% new) and malolactic fermentation was complete in late April 2019. The wine was aged in barrel for ten months. 5,772 bottles produced.

TASTING NOTES

“Bright ruby-red. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red and blue fruits, cherry pie, potpourri and exotic spices, all sharpened by a smoky mineral overtone. Deeply concentrated and energetic in the mouth, offering sappy, mineral- and spice-drenched black raspberry, cherry cola and rose pastille flavors that spread out steadily on the back half. Shows fine definition and finishes extremely long and sappy, with polished tannins and lingering floral and blue fruit liqueur notes. 25% new oak. “
Josh Reynolds, Vinous