

SEQUITUR

Oregon Pinot Noir “Totality” 2017*



Our Story. The Sequitur Vineyard is a 12- acre site that is directly adjacent to Beau Frere’s Upper Terrace in the Ribbon Ridge AVA. It is owned by Michael Etzel (Beau 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 distinguishes this vineyard, other than having 17 diverse clones of Pinot Noir and a small knoll of Chardonnay, planted very densely, is the forest of Douglas Fir enclosing three sides of the vineyard. This gives the gentle south sloping protection from the winds and preserves its unique terroir. The virgin marine sediment soils in the vineyard have only been farmed with organic and biodynamic principles.

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 or filtered prior to bottling and should age beautifully for a decade or more.

The 2017 Vintage. A near perfect growing season, with plentiful yields and slow ripening fruit, carried us into a gorgeous harvest. The weather allowed us to take time with our picking decisions and choose perfectly ripe fruit. The result is a vintage with fresh, vibrant energy and a long, graceful, healthy life ahead.

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(94-95) pts

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Ribbon Ridge, Willamette Valley, Oregon
Red wine from United States

Lurid red. Spice-tinged blackberry and cherry aromas are complicated by suggestions of cola, incense and smoky minerals. Sweet and expansive on the palate, offering concentrated dark berry and spice cake flavors and suggestions of rose pastille and mocha that build with air. Concentrated but also vibrant and precise in style, delivering superb finishing cut, well-knit tannins and impressive, fruit-driven persistence. (30% new French oak)

Josh Reynolds. Tasting Feb 2019

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SEQUITUR PINOT NOIR RIBBON
RIDGE 2017

Beautifully deep, blueberries and plums on offer with notes of fresh violets and moist, fresh-tilled earth. This is full of life and very pure. The palate has focused and fresh tannins that sit in very vibrant style with a deep push of concentrated blue fruit, holding the finish in superb style. So fresh and long, this will age well. Drink across the next decade or more.

*Total solar eclipse in Oregon on August 21, 2017