



2014 Pinot Noir *Watershed*
Appellation: Dundee Hills, Oregon
Production: 800 cases, 750ml
Retail Price: \$25.00

Watershed

The warm red slopes of our vineyard nourish deep-rooted vines managed for low, intensely flavored yields. Only hand-picked fruit from our estate are used in our wines. Our own roots in this soil stretch from 1961 when John and Lena Winter resettled from Illinois bringing the wrought iron hinges that now grace our cellar door.

Our Watershed Pinot Noir reflects both our stewardship of the land, and the constant change and renewal that we find in wine-making and tending our vines. The small towns of Dayton and Lafayette obtain their drinking water from springs and wells in two forested parcels in the Dundee Hills. Winter's Hill Estate shares a common boundary with both of these watersheds, and that knowledge reinforces our commitment to being environmental stewards of our land and good neighbors to our community.

Tending vines and making wine is a series of watersheds or transitions as the seasons change and we turn from one vintage to another. Pruning, harvesting, pressing and bottling are final, there is no turning back. These watershed moments are the challenge and the joy we find in our daily work. We invite you to celebrate your watershed moments with us.

Tasting Notes

90 Points & Editors' Choice-Wine Enthusiast

"This is a classy effort from a great year. Substantial notes of cherry and berry tones are wrapped in buttery chocolate. It's simply delicious, yet built well enough to drink through 2020." -Paul Gregutt

Fermentation and Aging

The fruit is harvested by hand in the early morning while temperatures remain cool. The stemmed grapes were allowed to cold soak for 3 days before yeast inoculation. Gentle punch-downs by hand help to extract the color and tannin. After fermentation the wine was aged for 8 months in oak barrels.

2014 Vintage

The latest in a string of exceptional vintages, 2014 began early, with the vines breaking dormancy in late March. The spring and summer that followed were warm and dry, bringing on an early harvest at the end of September. Winemakers throughout Oregon were thrilled at the beautiful, flawless fruit. We harvested beginning on September 19 under perfect conditions.

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