

King Estate
Family Owned & Farmed

2014

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DOMAINE PINOT NOIR

Domaine Pinot Noir is the preeminent selection from King Estate Winery, made exclusively from certified organic and Biodynamic® grapes from our Estate Vineyard in the Southern Willamette Valley. The Estate is the largest certified Biodynamic vineyard in the United States and has been certified organic by Oregon Tilth since 2002.

TASTING NOTES

A jewel-like, deep ruby color is the first thing that draws attention to this wine. The rich color is matched by equally rich notes of cinnamon, cigar box, plum, and dark chocolate notes on the nose. To complement this wine's wealth of character on the nose, elements of cherry, violet, earth and leather linger on the palate. The finish is generous and broad, with oak and grape tannins balanced perfectly against a subtle acid structure. Enjoy now until 2027.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

2014 Domaine Pinot Noir was hand harvested from our estate vineyard and then hand sorted before being destemmed. Fermentation took place in temperature controlled, open top, stainless steel tanks. This wine benefited from 18 months aging in 26% new, 18% once-used and 56% neutral French oak barrels prior to bottling.

VINTAGE NOTES

Following on the heels of a cold winter, early spring was wet with double our typical precipitation in March. Rapidly warming temperatures in April led to buds breaking almost a week early – these favorable conditions continued, leading to very strong fruit set after a mid-June bloom. The abundance of fruit allowed for meticulous hand thinning; only the fruit meeting stringent quality parameters were allowed to ripen. Excellent weather continued throughout the summer, leading to a warmer than average vintage and resulted in excellent ripening conditions. Moving into late summer/early fall, the grape clusters were in outstanding condition which, combined with unusually dry conditions allowed for extended hang time and enhanced flavor development. The extended harvest period enabled each vineyard to be harvested at peak ripeness resulting in a crop of fantastic quality.

Varietal: Pinot Noir AVA: Willamette Valley Production: 861 (9-liter) cases
Alcohol: 13.5%

