

NORTHWEST RIDGE WINERY

Willamette Valley

90^{pts}

8 Barrel



90^{pts}

90^{pts}+



WINE ENTHUSIAST

91
POINTS

93^{PTS.}

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Editors' Choice





2015 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

THE VINTAGE

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THE VINEYARDS

74% Willamette Valley, Domaine Loubejac. Alluvial Silt Loam
16% McMinnville, Hyland. Jory Soil
6% Dundee Hills, Prince Hill. Jory Soil

THE DATA

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| Harvest Date: | Brix at harvest: 24.0 |
| 9/4-10/5/2015 | Days of Skin Contact: 12-16 |
| pH: 3.62 | |
| TA: 5.3 | |
| Alc: 13.5 | |

THE NOTES

N: Cranberry, black cherry, citrus peel, clove, leather
M: Medium body, supple tannins, juicy red and black fruits, savory notes

Winemaker - Laurent Montalieu



751 cases Produced



2015 Willamette Valley Pinot Gris

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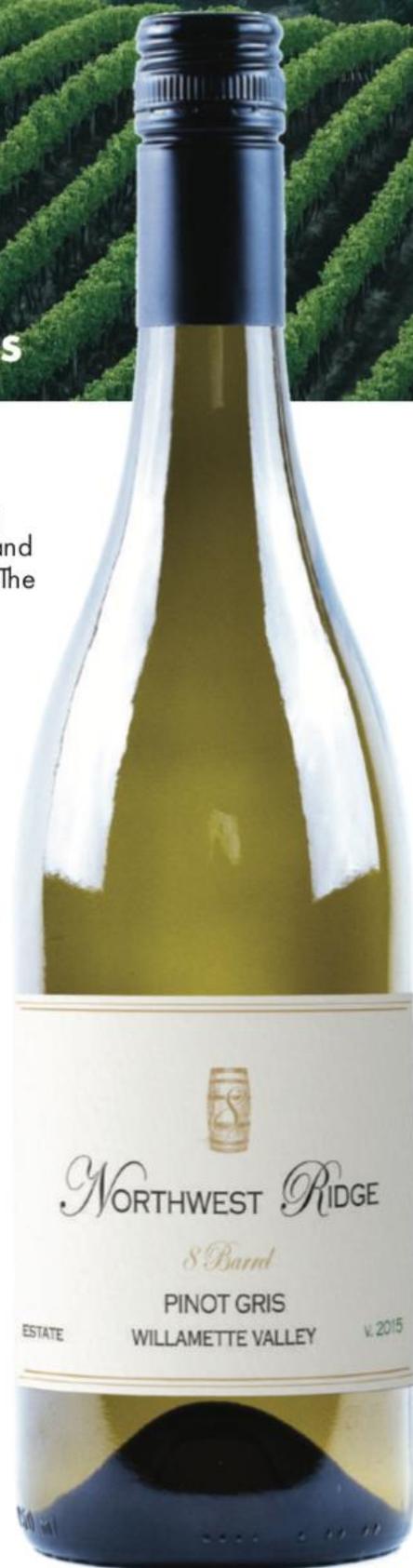
Harvest Date: 10/3/15
pH: 3.26
TA: 6.5g/LAlc: 13.4%
Residual Sugar: 1.8g/L
Brix at Harvest: 222.8
AVA: Willamette Valley

THE VINEYARDS

Olsen, 52%
Westmount, 48%

THE NOTES

N: white flowers, stone fruit, honeysuckle
M: Juicy, nectarine, apricot, fresh linen, vibrant floral notes



2014 Columbia Valley Barrel Cuvee

THE VINTAGE

Washington saw a second consecutive warm growing season in 2014. For growers in many areas, it was their warmest vintage on record. The season started out with a dry winter, with some areas receiving as little as half of the average annual precipitation. The warm weather throughout the growing season led to an advancement of most markers, including budbreak, bloom and veraison, which each ran approximately 10 to 14 days ahead of historical averages.

The warm temperatures led to an early start to harvest, with some areas of the Columbia Valley beginning to pick fruit in the third week of August. Some growers reported that it was their earliest start to harvest ever. The warmth of the year led to higher sugar levels in the grapes in many areas. The wines show a combination of depth, power and yet vitality,

THE BLEND

52% Syrah
48% Merlot

THE DATA

Harvest Date:
8/28-9/15/2014
pH: 3.68
TA: 5.45
Alc: 13.3

THE NOTES

Candied cherries, leather, savory herbs, juicy structure, vibrant finish.



300 cases Produced



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2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

THE VINTAGE

2016 continued the trend of warm growing seasons in Washington marked by an early start. Bud break and bloom were significantly advanced from historical dates, with bloom occurring in some areas as early as the third week of May, a good two-plus weeks ahead of average. By the end of May, 2016 was easily on pace to surpass 2015 as the warmest vintage on record.

To everyone's surprise, beginning in June, temperatures swung back toward normal. "As we all know weather is very unpredictable and we did not see the cool second half coming," said one winemaker. These cooler temperatures persisted throughout the majority of the summer.

One of the hallmarks of the vintage was a large crop which, notably, caught many winemakers and growers by surprise. As a result, many sites picked out heavier than average and expected, despite successive thinning passes. Most attributed the large crop size to larger than average cluster size. Both berry size and the number of berries were significantly increased.

Several factors were in play to cause this: the warmth of the previous year, the lack of fall or winter freezes, the warm spring, and then cooler summer temperatures. "Everything was set to maximize," one grower reported. As a result of this and additional plantings, 2016 was easily a record crop for the state.

Harvest started early, though not quite as historically early as the previous year. Cooler temperatures in September and October, along with some unseasonable rainfall, stretched the harvest season out to record lengths for some growers, with larger sites not finishing until the first week of November after starting in the third week of August.

Overall winemakers expected high quality fruit due to the extended hang time, with larger berry and cluster size.

THE DATA

Harvest Date: 9/8-24/2016

432 cases produced

pH: 3.26

TA: 5.7

Alc: 13.0

THE NOTES

N: Black Cherry, Cocoa, Peppery Spices

M: Blackberry, Creamy Vanilla, Smooth Tanins, Toasty Oak Notes

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2017 Rosé

THE VINTAGE

2017 was a return to normal for the Willamette Valley after three consecutive warm vintages. The fundamental characteristics of the Willamette Valley's climate is cool and moderate; ripening each cluster on the edge of the on-set of fall. This type of growing season allows for complexities in flavor and for tannins to develop while retaining the backbone of the wines' acid.

The season started with a cool and wet March, April and May, which pushed bloom back to late June, setting the stage for a later harvest. Warm and dry conditions prevailed through the summer months creating the ideal situation for steady vine growth and fruit ripening. The vines set a higher than average crop. These crop levels were managed to bring the best out of the fruit.

As with all classic Oregon vintages, it came down to September and October. September heat waves can shrivel fruit, which forces an early harvest and brings the wines out of balance. 2017 did not disappoint. Two early September rain events refreshed the soils, giving the vines a boost to extend the growing season and build complexity. The first fruit harvested was in the third week of September. Calm and cool weather allowed for an easy pace of harvest through October. Pure, delicate and vibrant wines with intriguing structure were the result.

THE DATA

Harvest Date: 10/2-4/2017

189 cases produced

pH: 3.05

TA: 6.5

Alc: 11.6

Brix: 18

THE NOTES

N: Orange Blossoms, White Peach, Red Berries

M: Pineapple, Exotic Spice, Strawberry, Mouthwatering Acidity



Laurent took his first steps in the vineyard in Medoc owned by his great grandfather, Joseph Montalieu. He grew up on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe and returned to his family's homeland of Bordeaux for summer vacations and high school. It was through his family's deep commitment to the land that he learned to respect the vines and the wines they produced. His interest in viticulture led him to the Institute of Oenology of Bordeaux, where he immersed himself in studies of vineyard management and winemaking.

After graduating in 1987 he worked for Chateau La Tour Blanche near Sauternes, and Domaine Mumm in California's Napa Valley before moving to Oregon. After seven successful vintages at Bridgeview Vineyards in Cave Junction, Laurent joined WillaKenzie Estate in 1995 as partner and winemaker.

Laurent gained the respect of industry leaders and professionals with his passion for the highest quality standards in the vineyard coupled with a philosophy of minimal intervention in the production of handcrafted wines.

In 2003 Laurent left WillaKenzie to focus on Soléna Estate with his wife and business partner, Danielle Andrus Montalieu. Danielle began her career as a youngster at her family's California Winery, Pine Ridge. In the 90's, she moved to Oregon to launch a second family winery, Archery Summit.

Today, Laurent Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris from the Domaine Danielle Laurent and Hyland vineyard as well as other prime sites throughout the Willamette Valley. In the Northwest Ridge state-of-the-art winemaking facility in nearby Dundee.





HYLAND VINEYARD:

AVA: MCMINNVILLE
 ACRES: 185 ACRES
 YEAR PLANTED:
 1971
 SOIL: JORY



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AVA: WILLAMETTE VALLEY
 ACRES: 201 ACRES
 YEAR PLANTED: 2007
 SOIL: DUPPE SILT, WAPATO
 SILTY CLAY LOAN, HELMICK SILT
 LOAM



WESTMOUNT VINEYARD:

AVA: WILLAMETTE
 VALLEY
 ACRES: 100 ACRES
 YEAR PLANTED: 2005
 SOIL: HAZELAIR &



OLSEN VINEYARD:

AVA: WILLAMETTE VALLEY
 ACRES: 205 ACRES
 YEAR PLANTED: 1971
 SOIL: WOODBURN, DAYTON
 AND HOLCOMB SILT LOAM



Vineyard Overview:

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| Organization: | NW Wine Co. |
| Planted Area: | 210.31 acres |
| Established: | 2007 |
| Elevation: | 327.96 feet |
| Slope: | 5.1% (2.9 degrees) |
| Aspect: | Southeast (129.84 degrees) |
| Blocks: | 41 Unique Microclimates |

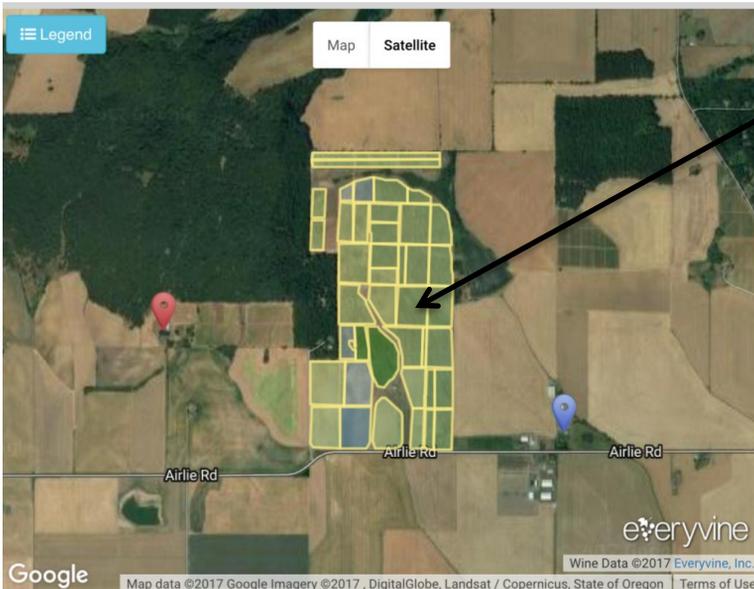


Grape Profile

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| Varietals: | Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Riesling |
| Vine Age: | 10.2 years |
| Wine Region: | Willamette Valley |

Climate Indexes

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| Avg Radiation : | 91378.16 Annually/130709.05 Growing Season | |
| Huglin Index: | 1765.7 | |
| Growing Degree-Days: | 1899.9 | |
| Biological Effective Degree-Days: | 1184.02 | |
| Average Temperature in Fahrenheit | | |
| Annually | Hi: 62.8 Lo: 41.5 | |
| Growing Season: | Hi: 71.7 Lo: 46 | |
| Average Rainfall in inches | | |
| Annually | 47.34 | |
| Growing Season: | 13.22 | |



Northwest Ridge Winery Block 12

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| Varietal: | Pinot Noir |
| Clone: | 113 |
| Rootstock: | 101-14 |
| Vine Age: | 9.8 years |
| Elevation: | 312.23 ft. |
| Soil: | Dupee silt loam, 3 to 12 percent slopes, Helmick silt loam, 3 to 12 percent slopes, Wapato silty clay loam, Willakenzie silty clay loam, 2 to 12 percent slopes |





Vineyard Overview:

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| Organization: | Hyland Estates |
| Planted Area: | 190.95 acres |
| Established: | 1972 |
| Elevation: | 675.92 feet |
| Slope: | 9.1% (5.19 degrees) |
| Aspect: | South (175.36 degrees) |
| Blocks: | 73 Unique Microclimates |

Grape Profile

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| Varietals: | Pinot Noir, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Chardonnay, Müller-Thurgau |
| Vine Age: | 24.8 average years |
| Wine Region: | Willamette Valley, McMinnville |

Climate Indexes

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| Avg Radiation : | 93002.62 Annually/132822.32 Growing Season |
| Huglin Index: | 1726.82 |
| Growing Degree-Days: | 1871.4 |
| Biological Effective Degree-Days: | 1172.74 |
| Average Temperature in Fahrenheit | |
| Annually | Hi: 62 Lo: 41.3 |
| Growing Season: | Hi: 71.3 Lo: 45.9 |
| Average Rainfall in inches | |
| Annually | 54.61 |
| Growing Season: | 14.59 |



Northwest Ridge Winery Block 7A

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| Varietal: | Pinot Noir |
| Clone: | Coury |
| Rootstock: | SR |
| Vine Age: | 30.2 years |
| Elevation: | 588.59 ft. |
| Soil: | Dupee silt loam, Wapato clay |
| Row Spacing: | 8 |
| Vine Spacing: | 4 |



Vineyard Overview:

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| Organization: | Prince Hill Vineyards |
| Planted Area: | 37.89 acres |
| Established: | 1994 |
| Elevation: | 639.96 feet |
| Slope: | 11.4% (6.48 degrees) |
| Aspect: | Southeast (137.79 degrees) |
| Blocks: | 4 Unique Microclimates |

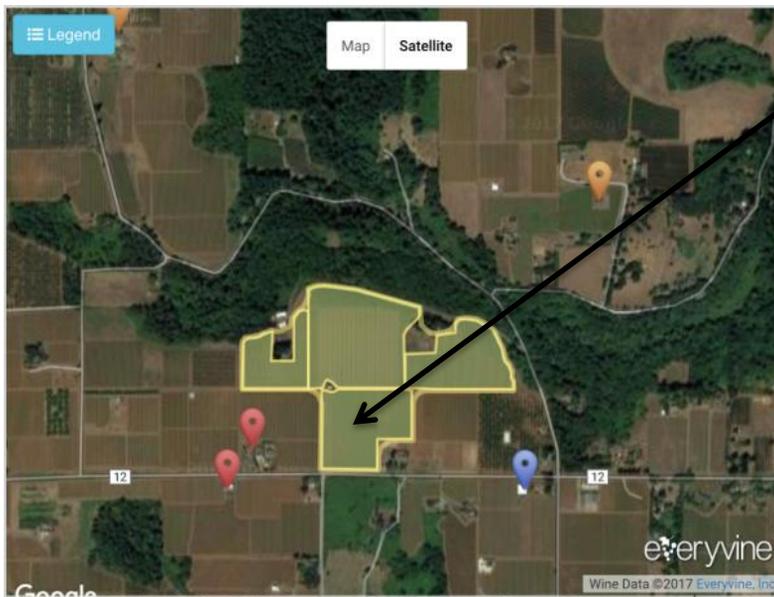


Grape Profile

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| Varietals: | Pinot Noir, Riesling, Chardonnay |
| Vine Age: | 18.4 average years |
| Wine Region: | Willamette Valley, Dundee Hills |

Climate Indexes

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|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| Avg Radiation : | 92631.6 Annually/132399.89 Growing Season | |
| Huglin Index: | 1662.95 | |
| Growing Degree-Days: | 1844.35 | |
| Biological Effective Degree-Days: | 1110.76 | |
| Average Temperature in Fahrenheit | | |
| Annually | Hi: 61.2 | Lo: 42 |
| Growing Season: | Hi: 70.1 | Lo: 46.9 |
| Average Rainfall in inches | | |
| Annually | 48.8 | |
| Growing Season: | 14.73 | |



Northwest Ridge Winery Block 4

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| Varietal: | Pinot Noir |
| Clone: | 777 |
| Rootstock: | 101.14 |
| Vine Age: | 16.8 years |
| Elevation: | 591.84 ft. |
| Soil: | Dupee silt loam, 3 to 12 percent slopes, Willakenzie silty clay loam, 2 to 12 percent slopes |
| Row Spacing: | 8 |
| Vine Spacing: | 4 |



Vineyard Overview:

Organization: NW Wine Co.
 Planted Area: 104.05 acres
 Established: 2005
 Elevation: 250.87 feet
 Slope: 4.3% (2.49 degrees)
 Aspect: South (194.06 degrees)
 Blocks: 24 Unique Microclimates



Grape Profile

Varietals: Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris
 Vine Age: 10.4 average years
 Wine Region: Willamette Valley

Climate Indexes

Avg Radiation : 90610.74 Annually/129844.85 Growing Season
 Huglin Index: 1832.64
 Growing Degree-Days: 1999.58
 Biological Effective Degree-Days: 1249.66
 Average Temperature in Fahrenheit
 Annually Hi: 63.2 Lo: 41.8
 Growing Season: Hi: 72.3 Lo: 46.3
 Average Rainfall in inches
 Annually 47.69
 Growing Season: 13.58



Northwest Ridge Winery Block 13

Varietal: Pinot Gris
 Clone: 3
 Rootstock: 3309
 Vine Age: 13.4 years
 Elevation: 253.45 ft.
 Soil: Helvetia silt loam, 0 to 12 percent slopes, Santiam silt loam, 3 to 6 percent slopes
 Row Spacing: 8
 Vine Spacing: 4





Vineyard Overview:

Organization: Torii Mor
 Planted Area: 10.19 acres
 Established: 1972
 Elevation: 814.68 feet
 Slope: 7.4% (4.21 degrees)
 Aspect: South (178.29 degrees)
 Blocks: 3 Unique Microclimates

Grape Profile

Varietals: Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris
 Vine Age: 24.7 average years
 Wine Region: Willamette Valley, Dundee Hills

Farm Certifications

Certified: Low Input Viticulture & Enology
Certified: Oregon Certified Sustainable Wine
Certified: Salmon-Safe

Climate Indexes

Avg Radiation : 93022.57 Annually/132924.9 Growing Season
 Huglin Index: 1568.09
 Growing Degree-Days: 1718.93
 Biological Effective Degree-Days: 1249.66
 Average Temperature in Fahrenheit
 Annually Hi: 60.3 Lo: 41.6
 Growing Season: Hi: 69.1 Lo: 46.5
 Average Rainfall in inches
 Annually 50.19
 Growing Season: 15.02



**Northwest Ridge Winery
 Block 1.1 and 1.3**

Varietal: Pinot Gris
 Clone: 113
 Rootstock: 101-14
 Vine Age: 19.4 years
 Elevation: 822.33 ft.
 Soil: Jory clay loam, 2 to 7 percent slopes
 Row Spacing: 6
 Vine Spacing: 9
 Vine Training System: Guyot



At Northwest Ridge, we only use the finest French Oak Barrels to age our wines. We buy barrels from these four barrel makers:

Sylvain, Francois Freres, Cadus and Seguin Moreau.

Our producers use only French sessile oak (*Quercus Petraea*). The trees bring a noble, elegant structure to wine, while preserving the fruit and aromas. Our French oak barrel producers select the tallest and desirable trees coming exclusively from the national forests. They are regulated by the O.N.F. (National Forests Office). The forests are managed on the principle of annual regeneration, ensuring a consistent supply of sustainable wood. Selection is carried out tree by tree on poor soil, preferably sandy, for a slow and regular growth. Our wood buyers select individual trees at 150 to 200 years old, with a diameter of between 50 and 80 cm. This rigorous selection, results in a concentration of aromatic components four times richer than other oak producers, as well as subtle yet structured tannins that respect the fruit.

100% of the our French oak barrel producers use rough staves that come from sustainably managed forests.



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