

SWEET CHEEKS WINERY & VINEYARD

2016 Triple Block Estate Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Willamette Valley AVA, Oregon, USA

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATE(S): September 20th, 22nd, 25th, 2016

VINEYARD SOURCES: Sweet Cheeks Vineyard, Kody Block 62.5%, Winery

Block 25%, Wild Child Block 12.5%

CELLAR TREATMENT: All lots were cold soaked for three days and inoculat-

ed with different yeasts for complexity. After primary fermentation the wine was pressed and put into barrel for Malolactic fermentation and barrel aging. It was aged for 16 months in 67% new French oak, 17% second use French oak and 16% neutral French oak.

BOTTLING DATE: September 11, 2018

CASE PRODUCTION: 597 Cases Produced

WINE ANALYSIS: pH: 3.67 | TA: 5.1 g/L | Alcohol: 13.8%

TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Noir offers aromas of rose petals, cherry and licorice. The palate bursts with ripe berry notes, offering rounded tannins leading to a silky finish.

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HARVEST OVERVIEW

The 2016 growing season in Oregon mimicked the previous few vintages with one of the earliest bud breaks yet. Spring came quickly with warm days that turned into temperate summer months. Bloom saw a miniature heat wave that tapered the size and set of the fruit. Though the growing season got off to an early start, the more even summer temperatures slowed things and allowed the fruit to develop thoroughly with delectable complexity and intense flavor. The vintage resulted in, once again, extraordinary fruit quality, but with yields closer to pre-2014 vintages.

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Our passion is to create wines that reflect the beauty surrounding us in the Southern Willamette Valley. We believe in producing exceptional wines through gentle processing. Each vintage is unique and we invite you to experience it.

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Established as a vineyard in 1978, the 55 acre estate vineyard sits on 140 acres of prime sloping hillside in the Southern region of the Willamette Valley wine appellation.