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PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

JUSTICE VINEYARD

2015
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY
ST. INNOCENT WINERY, SALEM, OREGON, BW-OR-144
ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOLUME. CONTAINS SULFITES.

EOLA-AMITY HILLS AVA

2015 Pinot noir

Justice Vineyard

Release Date: May 28th, 2017

Production: 339 cases

Crop Level: 1.9 tons/acre

**Harvested: September 24th,
2015**

Bottled: February 2017

Alcohol: 13.5%

**Suggested Pairings:
Dishes with nuanced and
complex preparations like
risottos and blanquette de
veau**

**Aging Recommendation:
Interesting between 6 and
10 years of age.**



Vineyard Notes

Justice Vineyard is located just over the east ridge of the Eola-Amity Hills just south of Bethel Heights Winery. Planted in 2001 at 500' in elevation on a southeast slope of thin volcanic soil, the vineyard faces the Cascade Mountains. These grapes come from a 2.33 acre block in the NW corner of the vineyard that is LIVE certified (Sustainable). It is a state-of-the-art, vertical canopy, high density planting of Pinot noir clone 777 and is farmed by one of Oregon's best grapegrowers, Ted Casteel. Our first vintage was 2004.

Production Notes:

The de-stemmed grapes were fermented in a small Burgundy oak fermenter with no SO2 allowing the fermentation to proceed naturally. After gentle pressing and settling, the wine aged in French oak barrels, 20% of which were new, for 16 months before bottling by gravity and without fining.

Vintage Notes:

The summer of 2015 started off with intense heat that faded off into a very warm and sunny season. Harvest began early with us first picking fruit on September 2 in cooler conditions. Yields were about 15% higher than normal and fruit was as perfect as I have seen. We continued to harvest throughout September and finished by the end of the month. The balance of flavor, tannin, acid, and sugar were as perfect as I have seen in 29 years. I am excited to see how the wines develop.

Tasting Notes:

Immediately engaging, the 2015 Pinot noir Justice Vineyard is vibrant with purple fruits, heady ground spices, and a lushness the belies its finesse. Beautiful allspice, red berry, and dense dark dried fruit flavors carry across your palate. Broad tannins and a soft, juicy acidity carry the spice notes into a very balanced and layered finish. Typically, Justice is especially impressive at seven years of age, I expect the 2015 to be stunning well past a decade.