

ARGYLE

Cowhouse Pinot Noir | 2015 Dundee Hills AVA

TASTING NOTES

Named after Argyle's founding viticulturist, Allen Holstein, Cowhouse Pinot Noir comes from his personal high elevation vineyard in the Dundee Hills. As Allen would have it no other way, Cowhouse Pinot Noir exhibits classical Dundee Hills silky texture and fine-tuned tannins, complementing the dark cherry, rose petal, and black peppercorn aromatics. After fermentation and gentle pressing, the wine was allowed to age elegantly on its lees for 16 months in French oak, of which 40% were new.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 growing season began with plenty of sunshine and warmth throughout the Spring, leading to an earlier than average bud break. As such, an early bloom kicked off with fantastic weather, leading to an above average fruit set. This required us to meticulously thin our vineyards in order to capture dense, vibrant fruit flavors. The summer was dry, though never getting too hot for too long. Harvest started early at Knudsen Vineyard in the Dundee Hills on August 24th and finished nearly one month later in the upper elevations of the Eola-Amity Hills at our Spirit Hill Vineyard on September 27th. This was our first growing season ever to be done picking before the month of October.

VINIFICATION NOTES

VINEYARDS 100% Holstein Vineyard

HARVESTED Sept. 14, 2015

AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 24.0 ALCOHOL % by Vol. 14.1% CASES PRODUCED 400

BARREL AGING 40% New French Oak, 16 Months

WINEMAKER Nate Klostermann



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