



# ARGYLE

## Cowhouse Pinot Noir | 2016

### Dundee Hills AVA

## TASTING NOTES

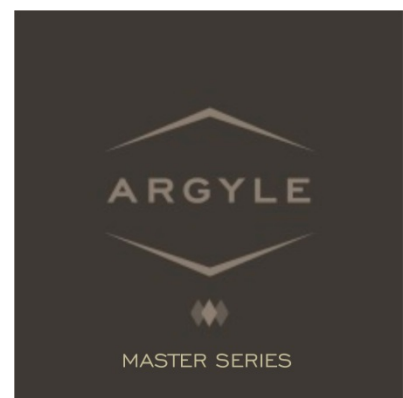
Named after Argyle's founding viticulturist, Allen Holstein, Cowhouse Pinot Noir comes from his personal high elevation vineyard in the Dundee Hills. As Allen would have it no other way, Cowhouse Pinot Noir exhibits classical Dundee Hills silky texture velvety tannins. Dark cherry, blood orange, and gentle floral notes interweave with the richness and finesse on the palate. After fermentation and gentle pressing, the wine was allowed to age elegantly on its lees for 16 months in French oak, of which 30% were new.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 growing season began with a warm, dry winter leading to one of our earliest bud breaks on record. Getting off to this kind of pace and continuing with a warm Spring, bloom came early and under a good amount of heat, leading to a shortened window of flowering and also resulting in an uneven but more average sized set, meaning we wouldn't have to crop thin much later in the season. Summer was warm and consistent, leading into another early start to harvest. Harvest was quick and condensed, starting at Lone Star Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills on August 25th and finishing not even one month later, in the upper elevations of the Eola-Amity Hills at our Spirit Hill Vineyard on September 21st. This was our second growing season ever to be done picking before the month of October.

## VINIFICATION NOTES

<b>VINEYARDS</b>	100% Holstein Vineyard
<b>AVA</b>	Dundee Hills AVA
<b>HARVESTED</b>	Sept. 14, 2016
<b>AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST</b>	23.6
<b>ALCOHOL % by Vol.</b>	14.1%
<b>CASES PRODUCED</b>	400
<b>BARREL AGING</b>	30% New French Oak, 16 Months
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Nate Klostermann



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