

Matzinger Davies Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir 2017

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2017
GRAPE Pinot Noir
GEOGRAPHY New World
COUNTRY USA
LARGER REGION Oregon
SMALLER REGION Willamette Valley
SUB REGION Eola-Amity Hills

Rationale

Oregon's Willamette Valley – located in the Pacific Northwest of the USA – is one of the world's relatively youngest and most promising wine regions. The best examples are remarkably similar to their equivalents from Burgundy – a comparison that is no doubt crucial to their continued success. A classic Oregon Pinot has a deep red cherry color with aromas of black cherries, stewed strawberries, and earthy notes of forest floor, wild mushrooms, and the occasional fresh herbs.

The Willamette Valley became an AVA in 1984. Celebrating the diversity of terroir within the Valley, in 2002, a group of producers banded together to create six new AVAs within the Willamette Valley. As a result, the Dundee Hills, McMinnville, Eola-Amity Hills, Yamhill-Carlton District, Chehalem Mountains, and Ribbon Ridge sub-AVAs were established, and the Van Duzer Corridor was also granted official status in late-2018.

Talk about a power couple! Michael Davies is currently Executive Winemaker for both Rex Hill and A to Z Wineworks, while Anna (Matzinger) consults in winemaking after a long and successful tenure with Archery Summit in the Dundee Hills. Their Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir comes from two small family farms, each less than two acres and both at nearly 700 feet in elevation. The wine resonates with aromas of red and blueberries, brown baking spices, honeycomb, blood orange, and expressive florals.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Light
COLOR Ruby
RIM VARIATION Ruby
Stained Tears: None

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID Med+
ALCOHOL Med+
TANNIN Med+
TEXTURE Lean / Tart
FINISH Long
COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Currant • Cherry / Red Tomato • Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry
Condition: Fresh, Ripe

BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Blackberry • Black Cherry • Black Plum *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

CITRUS FRUIT Orange • Tangerine *Condition: Fresh, Raisinated / Dried Part: Flesh, Peel / Zest*

FLORAL Lavender • Geranium • Hibiscus • Rose *Condition: Fresh, Dried*

GREEN VEGETABLE Dark Leafy Greens • Olive (Green)

OTHER VEGETABLE Peppers (Red/Yellow) • Fennel / Anise • Tomato Leaf • Beet Root • Rhubarb

HERBAL Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Marjoram • Tobacco Leaf • Chicory • Laurel / Bay Leaf

OTHER SPICES Sassafras • Licorice (Red) • Chinese Five Spice • Green Peppercorn

ORGANIC EARTH Forest Floor • Turned Dirt / Clay

OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

OAK INFLUENCE Blended Oak

OXIDATION/NUTTINESS Hazelnut • Pistachio • Walnut • Pecan / Brittle

PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES Partial Whole Cluster • Added / Stem Inclusion