2015 Grande Cuvée Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley

Winemaker's Notes

Deep, bright red in color with a vibrant and fruity nose. Cheery aromas of black cherry, plum and blackberry compote entice the nose while the soft mouthfeel gives way to flavors of dark fruit with elements of bramble, leather and licorice.

Technical Notes

Harvest date:	09/2-22/2015	AVA:	Willamette Valley
Brix:	24.5º	Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
pH:	3.65	Aging:	8 Months
Alcohol:	13.9%	New Oak:	22%
RS:	0 g/L	Skin contact:	17-20days

The Vintage

In a similar fashion to the 2014 vintage, the Willamette Valley experienced another extraordinary, nearly ideal growing season. 2015 was a dry season, though never critically hot. This led to perfect ripeness and beautifully balanced fruit. High yields with exceptional quality allowed for another harmonious vintage, albeit almost a month earlier than the previous year.

Higher than normal temperatures in spring allowed for early bloom, flower and fruit-set in exceptional conditions. The last rains were waved away on the 2nd of June and the Willamette Valley enjoyed a warm and dry growing season with temperatures never threatening over-ripeness. The harvest began in the last week of August, almost a full month earlier than normal. Grape clusters were larger than usual as a result of a very giving vintage, allowing for larger yields at high levels of quality. A twin to 2014, although a year apart, the 2015 vintage provided pristinely clean fruit with minimal ill-effects due to disease, pests and birds. With the wines showing extraordinary balance between fruit, sugar and acidity, the harmony of the 2015 vintage sets the stage for some stellar Oregon wines

The Soléna Story

After successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, the husband and wife team of Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu purchased an 80-acre estate to commemorate their marriage. In May 2002, they launched Soléna by releasing their first bottling and, shortly thereafter, opening a tasting room in Carlton. Soléna is the combination of the Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun and the moon, and the name that Laurent and Danielle gave to their daughter.

Soléna Estate began as a way to explore winemaking with other varietals grown in neighboring appellations while the family's young Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA matured. In May 2007, Danielle and Laurent added the spectacular Hyland Vineyard in the McMinnville AVA to their estate vineyard holdings. Today Laurent and Danielle are producing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from their estate vineyards.

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