

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

2016 Domaine Drouhin Oregon *Pinot Noir Dundee Hills*

About our Pinot Noir

Our 1988 Classique Pinot Noir was the first wine produced by the Drouhin Family in Oregon. Over two decades later, this cuvée has become a foundational element of many great wine lists and personal cellars. The fruit is harvested entirely from our family's Dundee Hills estate, and the wine is vinified in the Drouhin family style with a focus on elegance, balance and finesse.

Winemaking

Our Pinot Noir is handpicked into 25-pound totes, then hand sorted and de-stemmed at our four level gravity flow winery. Fermentations are long and careful and by November, all of our Pinot is safely in barrel. Our barrels are custom made in Burgundy, using oak from France's best forests, allowing the character of the soil and vintage to show through.

The Vintage

2016 marks the third consecutive season of warm, dry and largely harmonious growing conditions. Spring came early, and the vineyards enjoyed the warmer and drier weather. This helped maintain small clusters and berries that could mature evenly between bloom and harvest. In fact, harvest began during the last days of August, but a cooler September allowed us to achieve an overall balance of flavor and layered complexity.

Véronique's Tasting Notes

Complex and expressive on the nose, there are aromas of flower petals, candied dark cherry and plum, interwoven with savory notes, sandalwood and a touch of oak. The first taste presents dark fruit flavors and cherry, with pink peppercorn, rhubarb and five-spices. Ripe, well-integrated tannins are balanced by the graceful structure. While the wine is very pretty and approachable now, it has the charm and persistence to suggest it will effortlessly age over the next 10 years and more.

Véronique Drouhin

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Harvest Dates

August 30 - September 28

Bottling Date

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