

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

2015 Domaine Drouhin Oregon *Pinot Noir Cuvée Louise*

About the Cuvée Louise

The Louise cuvée is always special. In each vintage, Véronique focuses on a few favorite barrels that, once nurtured and artfully blended, will become Louise. Seamless, complex, layered and deeply pleasing, it is a rare and decidedly wonderful wine. It is Louise.

Winemaking

All of our Dundee Hills Estate Pinot Noir is handpicked, hand-sorted and de-stemmed, and then allowed to ferment at its own pace. Typically in barrel for 15 months, Louise maintains its sense of place and vintage character through a gentle élevage, and the use of only 20% new French oak. Our goal is to produce Pinot Noir with balance, elegance and finesse, and Louise best exemplifies these qualities.

The Vintage

The warm, long growing season of 2015 brought us a second straight harvest of exceptional quality. Looking back, a warmer than average winter led to an early budbreak and nearly six months of charmed growing conditions. Just before harvest, the vineyards were able to enjoy some needed rain, but the skies were largely clear. Starting on September 9, as temperatures cooled slightly, we picked for nearly three weeks, bringing in exceptionally pristine, healthy fruit. In bottle, 2015 echoes the stunning quality of 2014, but with its own character, intensity and exquisite balance.

Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2015 Louise is a deep ruby red, with brilliance and depth. Aromatically, there is an evolving mix of spice, plum, rhubarb, smokiness and cassis, which are all present on the palate, too. There is a guiding impression of freshness, and a sense of energy comparable to the 2014 Louise. There is also an intriguing, subtle layer on the palate, and a very, very long finish. Youthful but structured, the 2015 Louise has a long life ahead. Enjoy over the next 10-12 years.

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FRENCH SOUL ~ OREGON SOIL



Harvested: Sept 9 - 26
Bottled: February 10, 2017
392 cases produced

95 points
Vinous & James Suckling

94+ points
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