

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

2013 Domaine Drouhin Oregon *Pinot Noir Laurène*

About the Laurène Cuvée

Named after Véronique Drouhin's elder daughter, Laurène is our flagship wine, and is produced entirely from Pinot Noir grown on the family's estate in the Dundee Hills. All of the fruit is handpicked into small totes, destemmed, fermented with indigenous yeasts, and then placed into barrels (French oak, never more than 20% new). Once the vintage is safely in the cellar, Véronique begins the process of selecting barrels which have an extra complexity, length and depth — barrels which will work together as Laurène.

In recent years, Laurène has been named one of the "Great Wines of America" by Paul Lukacs in his book of the same name and "perennially one of Oregon's best wines" by Portland Monthly Magazine. Writer Matt Kramer presented Laurène in his Wine Spectator seminar, "21st Century Pinot Noir Greatness."

The 2013 Vintage

2013 will be remembered as a year that rewarded experience and patience. A relatively normal growing season moved into a long period of warm, dry weather before harvest. Picking began under clear skies, then moved through a brief period of intense storms, and then returned to calm, dry conditions. As always, the strength of our vineyards gave us the ability to wait for optimal picking conditions.

Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2013 Laurène impresses with its charm and character. It is vibrant, but also shows restraint, which allows the detail of the vintage to be expressed. The wine has a beautiful ruby rose color that allows one to see its depth. On the nose, the 2013 Laurène carries notes of pure, sweet cherry, pomegranate, baking spice, ripe blackberries, wild herbs and fresh sage. On the palate, the body is lovely and encompassing, creating a long, elegant, and appealing finish. I trust this wine will age for 7-10 years easily, but it is also delicious to enjoy now. Santé!



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2,355 cases produced

93 points
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