



2015

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY DOMAINE PINOT NOIR

Domaine Pinot Noir is the preeminent selection from King Estate Winery, made exclusively from certified organic and Biodynamic® grapes from our Estate Vineyard in the Southern Willamette Valley. The Estate is the largest certified Biodynamic vineyard in the United States and has been certified organic since 2002.

### TASTING NOTES

2015 Domaine Pinot Noir is a beautiful example from our Estate during a warmer than average Oregon vintage. In the glass, there is a dark ruby color with crimson edges. The complex nose jumps out of the glass with ripe strawberry and plum aromas, but there are enticing secondary elements of violets, clove and earthen notes. The palate has beautiful red fruit flavors like cherry and strawberry, framed by dried tobacco leaf and vanilla. This is a round Pinot Noir with soft tannins and excellent structure held together by bright acidity. Enjoy now and until at least 2035.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

2015 Domaine Pinot Noir was hand harvested from our Estate vineyard and then hand sorted before being destemmed, though 10% of the grapes were kept whole cluster. The grapes were first cold-soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs before fermentation. Fermentation took place in temperature controlled, open top, stainless steel tanks with punch downs twice daily. This wine benefited from 18 months aging in 26% new French oak barrels prior to bottling.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2015 was the earliest harvest in King Estate history. A dry, mild winter led to early bud break in mid to late March, about two weeks ahead of normal. With minimal frost damage to worry about during winter, there was an abundance of fruit set by early June. Warm temperatures throughout spring and summer kept the vines ahead of their seasonal average maturation while a slight reprieve from the heat arrived around harvest and helped to preserve acidity and allowed for optimal flavor development. Fruit came in perfectly ripe, benefiting from extended hang time.

Varietal: Pinot Noir  
AVA: Willamette Valley  
Production: 825 cases  
Alcohol: 13.5%

