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## 2016 DOMAINE PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Domaine Pinot Noir is the preeminent selection from King Estate Winery, made exclusively with 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

In the glass the nose picks up dried rose petal and violets, raspberry and cherry, and clove, black tea and slate. Round and seamless as it enters the mouth, the mid-palate has balanced weight and richness while maintaining lean tannins and acidity – characteristics that define wines from the King Estate vineyard. This wine will benefit from cellar aging. Enjoy now and through 2028.

## WINEMAKING PROCESS

Cold soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs. Fermented in a stainless steel open top tank with twice daily punch downs. Aged 18 months in 30% new French oak.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 Oregon vintage turned out to be another in a string of remarkable years that has blessed the state with ideal growing conditions. The vintage started out early in western Oregon with average bud break occurring in mid-to late March. Unusually warm temperatures in April and May accelerated an "early season effect" which caused vineyards to go into bloom by the third week of June. The weather cooled substantially through August. The 2016 harvest began in early September and continued unabated until the end of the month, just in time to avoid the onset of rain in October.

Varietal: 100% King Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir AVA: Willamette Valley Alcohol: 14.1%