

# King Estate

2017

## DOMAINE PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

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 certified by Demeter USA as the largest Biodynamic vineyard in the United States and has been certified organic since 2002.

### TASTING NOTES

A soft crimson in the glass, the wine exhibits dusty aromatics of earth, forest floor, cigar box and dry tea leaves along with rose petal, raspberry, marmalade, clove and cherry. Lean tannins up front combine with classic King Estate acidity and roundness building on the mid-palate. Notes of cigar box, tea and spice linger for a complex finish.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

The fruit was cold soaked for 48 hours with daily pump overs, then fermented in a stainless steel open top tank with twice daily punch downs. Aged 18 months in French oak, 30% new.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a classic Oregon vintage, with bud break in late March, followed by bloom in mid-to late June, and véraison in early to mid-August, roughly two weeks later than 2016. Fruit set was heavy, requiring judicious crop-thinning to promote grape quality. After early picking for sparkling wine and Rosé, harvest on the estate began in earnest in late September and finished mid-October. The later season combined with cool harvest weather, interrupted periodically by showers, slowed ripening, allowing for enhanced flavor development and acid retention while keeping potential alcohol levels in check.

**Varietal:** 100% King Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

**AVA:** Willamette Valley

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

