

# *Inscription*

2018

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY INSCRIPTION PINOT NOIR

The King family has sourced the Pinot Noir grapes for this wine from some of the most acclaimed vineyards in Oregon's Willamette Valley. This is classic Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, with lush red fruit and flavors of forest and earth - a showcase for the unique and authentic place of Oregon in the wine world.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine delivers with fresh red fruit flavors, like raspberry and ripe strawberry. There are definitive Oregon flavors of mushroom, forest floor and earth. This is rich and well-built with oak and vanilla nuances attributed to aging in French oak. Enjoy now and through 2028.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

These 100% Willamette Valley Pinot Noir grapes are meticulously hand-sorted. Each lot is fermented in small batches with up to 20% whole cluster inclusion. Stainless steel fermentation with daily punch downs and pump overs is followed by malolactic fermentation. These distinct vineyard lots are barrel-aged for 8-10 months in French oak before we make the final blend.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Near-perfect harvest conditions capped another outstanding growing season at King Estate. Bud break came on April 22nd followed by bloom right on time in late June. Heat spiked in August but never broke the 100-degree mark. Cooler temperatures in September and October created ideal conditions to let the fruit hang and flavors intensify. Harvest on the estate began on September 21st and ran through October 22nd, yielding 1,536 tons of fruit. Rain held off, with only trace amounts falling before the harvest was in.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

AVA: Willamette Valley

Alcohol: 13.5%

