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VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

On the western slope of the south-facing Ribbon Ridge sits the lovely Lichtenwalter Vineyard. Here Willakenzie soils, derived from ancient sedimentary seabed, coax black fruits and concentrated spices out of the wines.

A wet, cool spring yielded a late bud-break and delayed flowering, leading to a more “typical” Oregon vintage. Near perfect conditions during fruit-set produced a large crop, ripened by hot, dry conditions from late July into early September.

Mid-September showers helped to recharge soils and balance brix and phenolic ripeness, which led to harmonious fruit being picked during the extended September through October harvest. The 2017 vintage harkens to some of the classic Willamette vintages.

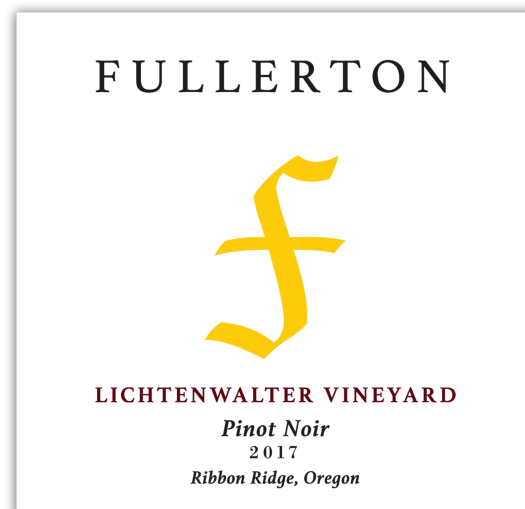
WINEMAKING NOTES

Upon arrival, 40% of the single clone 777 went into a rotator barrel for fermentation, and the remainder into a single macro bin. We utilized native yeasts exclusively, and 55% whole clusters. The rotator barrel spun twice daily during fermentation yielding a gentle extraction. The macro portion peaked at a fermentation temperature of 90° F adding breadth to the mid-palate. After fermentation, both lots went through a three-week extended maceration, allowing the tannins to polymerize, softening the wine. Aged for 13 months in barrel and 5 months in tank, the wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Whole cluster use is evident on the nose with fresh, lifted notes of baker's spice, mixed berries, rose, and floral perfume. Powerful tannins and a broad mouthfeel fill the palate alongside flavors of ripe blueberries and strawberries with cinnamon, nutmeg, lavender, chartreuse, and balsamwood. A deep, weighty, and evocative wine.

2017 LICHTENWALTER VINEYARD *Pinot Noir*



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Ribbon Ridge
Clones	777
Alcohol	13.9%
pH	3.9
TA	4.2 g/L
Brix at Harvest	24.3
Aging Regime	40% new French oak
Drinking Window	Drink now through 2025
Cases Produced	120

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