



### TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

Red cherries, raspberries, brambly blackberries, and cranberries immediately jump from the glass followed by notes of clove, mesquite, and wet cedar. On the palate the wine shows cherry liqueur, marionberries, Italian plums, earthy wet loam and a hint of leather. With nice weight and texture, this wine is both approachable while suggesting its history for aging potential.

### VINEYARD

Meredith Mitchell Vineyard is located in the McMinnville AVA. Formerly owned by Susan Meredith and her husband Frank Mitchell, this vineyard was planted in 1988 and expanded to 25 acres over the years. The vineyard is planted between 450-700 feet in elevation and is completely exposed to the Van Duzer corridor which allows the coast winds into the vineyard in the afternoon. Rated one of the top 5 vineyards in Oregon, the combination of own-rooted, high trellis mature Pommard vines and shallow, rocky, and broken uplifted basalt consistently produces intense Pinot noir with complex layers of aroma, flavor and structure. In addition to Pinot noir, there are 2 acres of Chardonnay and 2 acres of Pinot blanc. Certified Demeter Biodynamic® since 2018.

### 2018 HARVEST

We cruised into the 2018 harvest after an early budbreak and bloom, a comfortably warm spring, and those precious, cool summer evenings that make our eyes light up. The stellar prospect of the vintage was heightened by a “cool” final ripening compared to most of the previous five, and zero disease pressure, thanks to coastal and ridge-top breezes and the absence of rain. Rich favors with an edge of restraint, combined with the lift of gentle acidity, made 2018 textbook perfect from our vantage and worthy of all the hype.

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**VINEYARD:** Meredith Mitchell

**AVA:** McMinnville

**SELECTIONS:** Pommard

**HARVEST DATES:** 10/3/18, 10/9/18

**AGING:** 12 months neutral French oak

**ALCOHOL | pH | TA:** 13.6% | 3.15 | 7.6

**BOTTLE DATE:** 12/9/19

**CASES PRODUCED:** 299