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2017 Technical and Tasting Notes

2017 Winderlea Chardonnay

The 2017 Chardonnay displays all the nuance we celebrate in a cooler, more restrained vintage. The nose is abundant and bright- pie crust and toasted almond mix with lime zest and plumeria, which both transition to the palate. Flavors of stone fruit and blood orange add breadth while marzipan and a hint of rosemary add depth to this well-structured and balanced beauty.

AVA: Willamette Valley

Vineyard: 38% Carabella | 33% Hyland | 23% Meredith Mitchell | 6% Winderlea Lone Fir

Selections: Dijon 76, 108, mixed

Harvest Date: 9.23.17 | 9.25.17 | 10.9.17 | 10.10.17

Alcohol: 12.9%

Élevage: 9 months in French oak barrels, 8% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 7.30.18

Production: 723 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 92 Wine Enthusiast | 90 James Suckling

2017 Winderlea Legacy Chardonnay

One barrel of the Draper selection of Chardonnay from plantings dated back to the 70s that were grafted over to Pinot noir. Imprecise pruning has allowed for about 100 vines to continue to produce Chardonnay. The 2017 Legacy Chardonnay is a beautiful lemon cream and hints of almond.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea

Selections: Draper, own rooted

Harvest Date: 10.9.17

Alcohol: 12.9%

Élevage: 9 months in neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: 7.30.18

Production: 13 cases

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic®, BCorp

2017 Winderlea Vintage Sparkling Brut

Bright and perfumed with notes of crisp pink lady and green apples, citrus zest and a touch of brioche. On the palate the tiny bubbles are exuberant and create a lively mouthfeel to carry the layers of citrus, apple, cream and brioche.

AVA: Willamette Valley

Vineyard: 55% Pinot noir | Crawford Beck Vineyard, 35% Chardonnay | Carabella, 10% Chardonnay | Hyland

Selections: Pinot noir | Pommard, Chardonnay | 76 and 108

Harvest Date: 09.09.17 | 09.14.17 | 09.27.19

Alcohol: 12.5%

Élevage: 7 months in neutral French oak barrels, 2 years in tirage, dosage 6g/L

Bottled: 6.29.20

Production: 200 cases

Certifications: BCorp





2017 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot blanc

The Meredith Mitchell Vineyard Pinot blanc is our unique take on this Alsatian classic. The aromatics show depth and layered complexity. A hint of barrel leads immediately to notes of grapefruit and papaya, with an underlying briny character. On a second swirl, the smell of fresh almond flower comes through with richer, tropical fruit on its heels. The palate has weight without being heavy, gliding from flavors of kiwi fruit to persimmon and nougat. The flavor lingers, the finish is long, and the wine is undeniably striking

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Pinot Blanc

Harvest Date: 9.22.16

Alcohol: 12.9%

Élevage: 9 months in 47% clay amphora, 40% neutral French oak, 13% stainless steel

Bottled: 3.18.18

Production: 173 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe, BCorp

Press: 90 Wine Enthusiast

2017 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir

Our estate vineyard, originally planted in 1974, comprises 16.5 planted acres of Pinot noir. Our flagship Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir best shows what this stunning vineyard can produce. The 2017 is supple with bright and juicy red cherry, red raspberry, and cranberry. Hints of pomegranate and a pleasant sour cherry are mouthwatering on the palate and lead to a polished and persistent finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Dijon 114, 115, 667, 777

Harvest Date: 09.15.17, 9.23.17, 9.27.17

Alcohol: 13.2%

Élevage: 13 months in French oak barrels, 15% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.13.18

Production: 477 cases

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic®, BCorp

Press: 94 Vinous | 91 Wine Enthusiast

2017 Winderlea Dundee Hills Vineyards Pinot noir

Our annual cuvée of vineyards on Worden Hill road and homage to our neighbors and friends, the 2017 Dundee Hills Vineyards Pinot noir carries the original name of our estate. Its an approachable Pinot noir, focused and full, with firm but integrated tannins. The aromatics are a beautiful blend of florals, fresh fruit, and savory herbs. A hint of chanterelle transitions to the palate alongside juicy plum, marionberry, black tea, and a hint of lavender.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea and Murto

Selections: Pommard, Dijon 114, 115, 777, Heritage

Harvest Date: 9.15.17, 9.23.17, 9.27.17, 10.3.17, 10.4.17

Alcohol: 13.6%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 8% once used French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.29.18

Production: 1231 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 92 Wine Enthusiast | 92 Vinous

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2017 Winderlea Legacy Pinot noir

Rose petal and dried red cherry aromas build and waft from the glass. Layers of raspberry, marionberry, and boysenberry line the palate with notes of dried Herbs d' Provence and clove to finish. The texture is silky with an approachable finish with round tannins and length.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Cury, Dijon 115 (all own rooted)

Harvest Date: 9.27.17

Alcohol: 12.5%

Élevage: 10 months in neutral French oak barrels, 3% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.31.18

Production: 291 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe

Press: 95 Vinous | 93 Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast

2017 Winderlea Imprint Pinot noir

The only wine produced onsite at the Winderlea Vineyard, the Imprint Pinot noir is made by owner Bill Sweat using old world winemaking techniques and 100% whole cluster fermentation. The 2017 shows a classic garnet color and an expressive nose with aromas of red cherry, strawberry, dusty rose, cotton candy, and hints of tobacco and chair spice.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Cury and Pommard

Harvest Date: 09.26.17

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 100% whole cluster, 18 months in neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: 3.15.19

Production: 299 cases

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic®, BCorp

Press: 94 Vinous | 92 Wine Enthusiast

2017 Winderlea Crawford Beck Vineyard Pinot noir

The 2017 Crawford Beck is a vibrant, rich expression of its vineyard. The wine opens with notes of white raspberry, anise, confectionery, and a hint of borage. Marionberry moves from the nose to the palate, accented by salted plum, sage, and nectarine. The wine is broad with great depth and structure.

AVA: Eola-Amity Hills

Vineyard: Crawford Beck Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Swan, and Dijon 115 and 60

Harvest Date: 10.9.17

Alcohol: 13.2%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 10% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.30.18

Production: 250 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe, BCorp

Press: 93 Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast | 93 Vinous

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2017 Winderlea Maresh Vineyard Pinot noir

Our neighbor directly to our west, the Maresh Vineyard extends upwards to 700 feet and was planted starting in 1970. The 2017 Maresh Pinot noir is bramble meets baking spice and cherry, invoking both the forest floor and the dusty end of summer. Linen, tarragon, and cranberry move from the nose to the palate and is punctuated by white peppercorn, cedar, and a structure of firm, fine tannins and bright, fresh acidity.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Maresh Vineyard

Selections: Dijon 115

Harvest Date: 10.4.17

Alcohol: 13.4%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 6% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.30.18

Case Production: 188 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 94 Vinous | 92 Wine Enthusiast

2017 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot noir

Abundant and diverse aromatics shine and include cigar box, raspberry, melted chocolate, and a hint of toasted marshmallow. The palate ushers in spice, orange zest, and layers of red berries and currants. The finish pops with cranberries and caramel.

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Pommard

Harvest Date: 10.7.17, 10.9.17

Alcohol: 13.5%

Élevage: 13 months in French oak barrels, 11% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.13.18

Production: 307 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (vineyard farmed Biodynamic), BCorp

Press: 94 Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast | 93 Vinous

2017 Winderlea Murto Vineyard Pinot noir

Always intensely purple in color, Murto is a well established vineyard at the western end of the Dundee Hills that never fails to compel us by its extraordinary aromatics and structure. An intriguing blend of savory mushroom, sweet raspberry, and fennel mark the introduction and hold this wine together with tension and dare-we-say pizzaz! Charred herb, clove, and marzipan add depth while the aromatics keep drawing you into its long finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Murto Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 10.2.17, 10.4.17

Alcohol: 13.8%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 17% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.30.18

Case Production: 220 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 93 Vinous



2017 Winderlea Murto Vineyard Pinot noir | Whole Cluster

Same blocks, same clones, but a completely different drinking experience as the 2017 Murto Pinot noir. The nose offers very sexy aromas of sous bois, rose petal, wood sap, and the demure perfume of dark red cherry and berry. My notes say "To die for!" More mouth filling richness than the de-stemmed version of this wine and less acid-driven with a rounder texture and evident but modest tannins. This seems to be a slightly more serious and nuanced wine than the de-stemmed version. (note by Prince of Pinot, May 2022.)

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Murto Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 10.03.17

Alcohol: 13.5%

Élevage: 100% Whole Cluster, 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.30.18

Case Production: 66 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 95 Prince of Pinot

2017 Winderlea Shea Vineyard Pinot noir

The 2017 Winderlea Shea opens with aromatics of dusty rose, smoked cherry, and roasted game. A hint of rhubarb transitions to the palate with firm, dry tannins and black tea. Lavender lingers in the background while dried strawberry and coffee ride the lengthy finish of the well structured wine.

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton

Vineyard: Shea Vineyard Block 21 and 11

Selections: Pommard, Wädenswil, and Dijon 777

Harvest Date: 9.30.17, 10.3.17, 10.10.17

Alcohol: 13.5%

Élevage: Fermented and aged 10 months in French oak barrels, 13% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.29.18

Production: 507 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 94 Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast | 94 Vinous | 91 James Suckling

2017 Winderlea Weber Vineyard Pinot noir

Formerly known as Ana, the Weber vineyard was planted only two years after Winderlea by longtime growers and pioneers Arthur and Vivian Weber. We are grateful that Vivian has continued to care for this legendary site since Arthur's passing. Orange oil, thai basil, red licorice, rose hip and raspberry candy burst from the glass and slide into the palate. These flavors are balanced by fine, powdery tannins, bright fruits, and a hint of cinnamon and lavender on a juicy, silky, and fresh finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Weber Vineyard

Selections: Pommard

Harvest Date: 10.7.17 and 10.10.17

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 30% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.31.18

Production: 376 cases

Certifications: BCorp

Press: 94 Vinous | 93 Wine Enthusiast

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