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2014 Technical and Tasting Notes

2014 Winderlea Chardonnay

Brilliant, golden straw in color, the 2014 Winderlea Chardonnay shines with a complex blend of aromatics. Citrus pith and wet stone follow through to a palate that is marked by minerality, poached pear, crème brûlée, bright lemon and a creamy quality that reinforces subtle notes of brioche. Slightly tropical, the texture and structure of this wine leave a long, perfectly balanced finish

AVA: Willamette Valley

Vineyard: 55% Carabella | 27% Hyland | 18% Thistle

Selections: Dijon 76 | UCD 108/Wente | 95

Harvest Date: 9.15.14, 9.17.14, 10.3.14, 10.5.14, 10.6.14

Alcohol: 14.2%

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

Bottled: 8.06.15

Production: 818 cases

2014 Winderlea Legacy Chardonnay

Well, it's an interesting story. The Legacy Chardonnay is sourced from the first 2 blocks of fruit planted on the vineyard in 1974 and 1975. It was Chardonnay that was later grafted over to Pinot noir. Over the years due to imprecise pruning of those blocks, the original Draper selection of Chardonnay is still carried on over 100 vines. We decided to hand pick those vines and make a Chardonnay with them. We loved it, but sadly, are only able to make about 1 barrel a year. 2014 is its inaugural release. Enjoy this round, ripe apple and nutty expression of Chardonnay from Draper cuttings from the Eyrle vineyard.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea

Selections: Draper, own rooted

Harvest Date: 9.18.14

Alcohol: 13.8%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.06.15

Production: 25 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

2014 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot blanc

2014 is our inaugural release of Pinot blanc from our newest estate vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. The wine is aged and fermented in three different vessels: neutral oak, stainless steel and a traditional Italian clay amphora. Striking aromatics of freshly cut grass, honeydew melon and wet stone leap from the glass while the palate stays lithe and textured with generous minerality balancing out bright acidity and fresh fruit. Lime zest, pineapple and guava meets subtler flavors of fresh parsley and dried herbs.

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Pinot blanc

Harvest Date: 10.05.14

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels

Bottled: 3.02.15

Production: 258 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (note Biodynamic farming started in 2014)





2014 Winderlea Dundee Hills Vineyards Pinot noir

A pop of garnet color, this unctuous showstopper thrills with cherries, strawberries, and cranberries on the nose which evolve onto the palate. Abundant aromatics leads to a persistent, delicate and layered finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Maresh , Murto, Weber and Winderlea

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

Harvest Date: 9.15.14 - 10.04.14

Alcohol: 13.1%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 18% once used French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.31.15

Production: 1,892 cases

2014 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir

Our flagship Pinot noir bottling showcases the hallmarks of what makes our vineyard so highly regarded. Brandied cherry, blueberry and a distinct flint character mark the aromatics of the 2014 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir. The palate continues with layers of dark, eastern spices as well as savory and gamey notes that seem to reinforce the fine tannins and incredible structure of this wine.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

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

Harvest Date: 9.18.14, 9.19.14, 9.25.14

Alcohol: 14.3%

Élevage: 13 months in French oak barrels, 20% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.17.15

Production: 520 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

2014 Winderlea Legacy Pinot noir

Sourced exclusively from original, own-rooted vines on the Winderlea Vineyard, the use of these 1974 to 1976 plantings shows what a difference vine age can make. Our quintessential bottling, it captures everything we treasure about our estate. Aromatically abundant and layered with a mélange of fresh fruit and florals, the palate shows classic flavors of red cherry and rose petal, joined by notes of cigar and tobacco leaf.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

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

Harvest Date: 9.18.14

Alcohol: 13.3%

Élevage: 13 months in neutral French oak barrels, 18% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.18.15

Production: 200 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)



2014 Winderlea Imprint Pinot noir

The only wine produced onsite at the Winderlea Estate Vineyard, the Imprint Pinot noir is made by owner Bill Sweat using old world winemaking techniques and 100% whole cluster fermentation. The 2014 Imprint opens with aromatics of crushed rose petals, cocoa and dried summer berries. The palate has delicate tannins that usher in high tones of baked cherry and raspberry, orange zest and the signature whole cluster spice we have come to expect and love about this wine.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Coury and Pommard

Harvest Date: 9.19.14

Alcohol: 13.3%

Élevage: 100% whole cluster, 15 months in neutral French oak

Bottled: 4.04.16

Production: 126 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

2014 Winderlea Bryan Creek Vineyard Pinot noir

Our newest release is sourced from the Chehalem Mountains and one of Adelsheim's most prized vineyards. In true Oregon spirit, we are now trading our Winderlea fruit for this section of high elevation, old vine, own-rooted Pommard on the Bryan Creek Vineyard.. Dark in both color and profile, we find notes of cedar and black tea come through in the aromatics, while raspberry and a subtle hint of sea salt becomes more prominent on the palate. Weighty in texture and structure, this wine begs for red, red meat.

AVA: Chehalem Mountains

Vineyard: Bryan Creek Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, own rooted

Harvest Date: 9.20.14

Alcohol: 14.2%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 14% once used French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.02.15

Production: 213 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe

2014 Winderlea Crawford Beck Vineyard Pinot noir

From our coolest and only vineyard site in the Eola-Amity Hills comes the Crawford Beck Pinot noir. Situated at the mouth of the Van Duzer Corridor, Crawford Beck boasts the longest hang time of any of our vineyards and provides a beautiful counterpoint to the rest of our portfolio. White flowers, orange blossom and a mélange of mid summer fruits combine to produce heady, intoxicating aromatics. Bing cherry shines against a backdrop of warm spices and a hint of cumin and the soft but structured mouthfeel rounds out a wine marked with incredible balance.

AVA: Eola-Amity Hills

Vineyard: Crawford Beck Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Swan, and Dijon 115

Harvest Date: 10.03.14

Alcohol: 13.5%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 18% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.03.15

Production: 254 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe

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2014 Winderlea Juliard Pinot noir

Our neighbor to the east, Juliard Vineyard's Pinot noir was first planted in 1987 and these old vines now produce an average of only about one ton of fruit per acre. Well balanced, with aromas of rose petal and lavender, the palate shows black cherry, cranberry and a bit more generous structure than we are used to seeing off of this site. Juliard distinguishes itself with delicate notes of citrus and orange blossom which add to its signature Dundee Hills characteristics. (2014 is our last vintage of Juliard as the vineyard was sold).

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Juliard Vineyard

Selections: Pommard

Harvest Date: 9.20.14

Alcohol: 14%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 25% once used French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.02.15

Production: 195 cases

2014 Winderlea Maresh Vineyard Pinot noir

While generally approachable young, the 2014 Maresh shines with an overt friendliness and approachability we rarely see at such an early stage. The aromatics billow from the glass as notes of smoked cherry, rose and bergamot rush forward. The savory notes we expect take second stage here with fresh earth, mushroom and celery seed creating a tension that keeps the primary fruit and floral tones balanced. The palate has fine, firm tannins with fresh and lively acidity highlighted by dried blueberry and notes of almond and strawberry.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Maresh Vineyard

Selections: Dijon 115

Harvest Date: 10.02.14

Alcohol: 13.2%

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

Bottled: 9.12.15

Case Production: 237 cases

2014 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot noir

Winderlea established a long term lease on the Meredith Mitchell Vineyard in 2014 and took over the farming from owners Susan Meredith and Frank Mitchell. We established Biodynamic® farming practices in 2014 as well and the vineyard was certified in 2018. Abundant and mouth-watering aromatics are highlighted by violets, plum and blueberries which spill onto a bright and lush palate that shows both depth and elegance. The back of the palate shows sweet, late summer berries which are countered by dusty sagebrush and a hint of juniper.

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, own rooted

Harvest Date: 9.23.14, 9.27.14

Alcohol: 13.3%

Élevage: 13 months in French oak barrels, 21% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.16.15

Production: 370 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (vineyard farmed Biodynamic)

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2014 Winderlea Murto Vineyard Pinot noir

Always concentrated and often elusive, the 2014 Murto Vineyard Pinot noir offers up a darker fruit profile than its Dundee Hills neighbors. Notes of pomegranate, anise and cherry compote pave the way for subtler, secondary flavors of papaya and cranberry. Hovering perpetually between the sweet and the savory, candied blueberry comes through along with striking notes of cracked black pepper. Amidst strong tannins in the front of the palate is a lively backbone of acidity persisting through a long, sustained finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Murto Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 9.22.14

Alcohol: 13.8%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 18% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.03.15

Case Production: 261 cases

2014 Winderlea Shea Vineyard Pinot noir

One of Oregon and the Willamette Valley's most well-known sites, Shea Vineyard has earned its reputation for consistently high quality Pinot noir. Our 2014 bottling highlights all of the reasons this blockbuster vineyard has made such a name for itself. An opulence and decadence is evident even as the wine is being poured. Raspberries, bay leaf and aromas of fresh baked berry cobbler swirl together leaving your mouth watering before the first sip. The palate shows density and breadth with chewy tannins, bramble fruits and an abundance of baking spices that seem to develop and evolve into something warmer and richer. Allspice, cardamom and pink peppercorn round out what was one of our most popular wines from the vintage.

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton

Vineyard: Shea Vineyard Block 21

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 9.14.14

Alcohol: 14.5%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 15% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 09.02.15

Production: 420 cases

2014 Winderlea Weber Vineyard Pinot noir

Formerly known as Ana, our 2014 Weber Vineyard Pinot noir is the quintessential representation of this growing year. Combining darker notes of cedar, smoke, tobacco and earth with lithe, bright florals and hints of grapefruit, this compelling wine speaks volumes about what the 2014 vintage has to offer. The aromatics are abundant as are the layers of flavor and texture that greet you on the palate. Raspberry, red currant and plum persist throughout a delicate but lasting finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Weber Vineyard

Selections: Pommard

Harvest Date: 9.22.14, 10.4.14

Alcohol: 14.2%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 15% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.02.16

Production: 493 cases

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