



will•ful (adj): determined; pertinacious; unruly; wild

The 2017 Winemaker Cuvée Pinot Noir is a blend of the best 5 barrels in the cellar: two barrels of Pommard clone Pinot Noir from the Southeast block of Northridge Vineyard in the Eola-Amity hills, 1.5 barrels of Pommard from an older vineyard in the Ribbon Ridge AVA, and 1.5 barrels of 777-clone pinot from the Dundee Hills.

The grapes had a one week cold soak followed by fermentation with native yeasts and 50% whole cluster fermentation. The wine was aged in one year old and neutral French oak barrels for eighteen months.

2017 was a fairly balanced vintage, more typically “Oregonian” than some of the recent warmer vintages. The wine is has bright red fruits and good acidity with pretty, floral aromas. It has supply texture and very sufficient but elegant, fine-grained tannins. Cellar for one to fifteen years.

123 cases (12-pack) produced.; 92pts Suckling Review, Feb 2020

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