

FIRESTEED®

2016 *Willamette Valley* Pinot Noir



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In 2016, a warm winter, spring and summer set the stage for our earliest harvest to date...for the third year in a row. Beginning at Erratic Oaks Vineyard on September 9th and five days later at Firesteed's vineyard on Hwy. 99W. Picking continued under ideal weather conditions, wrapping up on September 30th.

Our 2016 Pinot Noir continues the Firesteed tradition of a consistent fruit driven style, achieved with gentle techniques in the cellar and imagination in the vineyard. The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks with selected yeasts propagated from cellars in Burgundy, pressed during the last days of fermentation and racked as soon as the wine finished malo-lactic fermentation.

Aromas of dark cherries, violets and a hint of white pepper are found in the bouquet. Juicy on the palate, this vintage shows both dark and Rainer cherries along with flavors of dark chocolate, pomegranate and hints of cedar. Well balanced with a rounded mouthfeel, the wine provides an integrated and smooth finish.

Wine Analysis

pH: 3.62

TA: 6.4 g/l

Alcohol: 14.2%

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