



2015 Firesteed Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

In 2015, a warm winter, spring and summer set the stage for our earliest harvest to date, beginning at Firesteed's Erratic Oaks Vineyard on September 6th and twelve days later at our winery's Estate Vineyard on Hwy. 99W. Several other sites around the Willamette Valley contributed fruit to this blend and picking continued there through the first week of October, under nearly-perfect weather conditions.

Our 2015 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. One-third of the blend was aged in French oak barrels to round out the flavors and enhance complexity.

Lively with bright and crisp acidity, the wine expresses aromas of Rainer cherry and cranberry with hints of herbs and white pepper. Highlighting the fruit, the wine is juicy on the palate rounded by a hint of vanilla and strawberry, with a touch of violet and loamy soil, which leans out to a smooth finish.

Wine Analysis
pH: 3.64
TA: 5.30 g/l
Alcohol: 13.8%

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