



**2016 Love Puppets
Pinot Noir
Umpqua Valley AVA**

90 points James Suckling

Production:	209 cases
Alcohol:	14.1%
Total Acidity:	5.3g/L
pH:	3.75

The winter of 2015/2016 was much warmer than average, causing early bud break, leading to early flowering. The growing season was slightly cooler than the record years of 2013 thru 2015. Harvest was slowed a bit by a very cool July, but all vineyards had higher than average Brix at harvest. Love Puppets is a composition emphasizing our most desirable pinot lots from Westbrook, Bradley and Ferris Wheel Estate, all dry farmed vineyards. The northern reach of the Umpqua Valley is cooler and the soils are typically heavier clays than those found further south. We believe dry farmed vineyards produce more concentrated fruit, better expressing their sense of place. So, what you will find in your glass is a marriage of our favorite sites.

The color is a lovely, I don't know what else to call it, deep burgundy. The fruit aromas emphasize cooler climate pinot noir notes, from the two Elkton contributors of blueberries, pomegranate and tart cherries with some warm plum from Westbrook in this warmer than average year. The bouquet is an herb garden framed by tea roses with that background of bright and dark fruits, dark cherries and blackberry. The flavors continue with a nice interplay between lighter blueberry notes and the darker fruits. The mouthfeel is rich and full with pleasing texture and a zingy cleansing

This pinot from one of our warmest years in Oregon is a big mouthful of wine and will work well with grilled meats, pasta and pan seared pork or duck in rich sauces.



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