

## **2017 Hundredth Valley Pinot Noir** Elkton AVA

Production:	150 cases
Alcohol:	13.7%ABV
Total Acidity:	4.9g/L
pH:	3.74

This vineyard has become one of our Elkton Oregon vineyard designated offerings as a prime example of what pinot noir can achieve in our cool coastal climate. Hundredth Valley's name is derived from the Umpqua Valley's nickname, the Hundred Valleys of the Umpqua. The vineyard sits upon an alluvial bench above Elk Creek, one mile east of its confluence with the Umpqua River, making it the most western of these hundred valleys as the mighty Umpqua flows to the Pacific. We chose to incorporate equal amounts of Dijon clone 828 and Pommard for the vineyard designate wine. 2017 was characterized by a very cold winter and a cold and damp spring, delaying the start of growth and resulting in lighter style wines than we had seen in the previous 4 seasons, all record breaking warm vintages. The wine is a pale, transparent garnet in color with beautiful legs after swirling. The aromas have a savory quality, with fruit notes of blueberry, red currants and an interesting red beet note. With airing pleasing spice and toast notes emerge from the French oak barrels we use for elevage. The flavors are dominated by the red fruits, and some cherry cola that combines well with the umami savoriness of warm fruit and spicy oak. The mouthfeel is moderately full. In the mouth the wine then starts to express just enough acidity to carry the fruit and spice components to a satisfying finish.

This lighter vintage would pair well with glazed ham, pasta dishes or veggie pizzas with pecorino cheese.



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