



2017 Love Puppets Pinot Noir Umpqua Valley AVA

Production:	378 cases
Alcohol:	13.3%ABV
Total Acidity:	5.3g/L
pH:	3.69

The winter of 2016/2017 was very cold, followed by a cool wet spring. This delayed the start, but then summer was warm and dry. The heat accumulation was above average, but less than '15 and '16. 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 in Elkton is cooler, home to Bradley and Ferris Wheel and Westbrook further inland is a warmer site. We feel this blend of these sites compliments the best qualities from each.

The color is pale crimson with purple highlights. We always get blueberry and pomegranate from our Estate and riper cherry and strawberry from Bradley. The Westbrook always contributes warmer plum and currant notes. The bouquet shows the influence of all of these fruit aromas, plus a strong impression of floral and spice notes, tea roses on a warm day. The flavors continue with a nice interplay between lighter blueberry, red fruit notes and the darker plum fruit. The mouthfeel is savory and rich with a pleasing texture and towards the lingering finish displays the nicely balancing acidity. As the wine warms, you will begin to find some French oak barrel influence with vanilla, cinnamon and clove notes both in the bouquet and flavors.

2017 yielded lighter fruit than we had seen in the 3 prior vintages, giving a more transparent, lighter, elegant style that would compliment roast fowl, triple cream cheeses, sautéed veal or pork served with apple chutney.



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