



PROPRIETOR'S RESERVE  
2017 PINOT NOIR  
COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	April 9, 2019
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.1% by vol.; RS: 0.1%; TA: 6.40 g/L; pH: 3.54
Cases Produced:	1190
Production & Aging:	Aged for 14 months in 60 new French Oak.

### THE VINTAGE

2017 was a warmer than average year and the growing season began slowly. Bud break occurred a couple of weeks later than usual, especially when compared to the last few harvests. The late bud break was due to the substantial cold weather that occurred in Washington State during the winter of 2016. Temperatures then rose dramatically in late June through July. The extreme heat caused vines to shut down, which further delayed harvest. Some grapes that are customarily picked early were harvested significantly later than historical dates, although this varied throughout the state. The upsides to the lengthened harvest were longer hang times and agreeable flavor development in the red varietals that need more time to age on the vine. In white varietals, acids were held which resulted in improved balance. Wines from this vintage will age longer if red, and whites will have more pronounced zing.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from the award-winning vineyard in Washington state's Columbia Valley AVA, this Pinot Noir is comprised of 100% Oregon Mountain Vineyards.

### THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. This single vineyard lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness in about 21 days. Only the free run juice was collected to craft this wine, no press fraction was used in the making of this wine. This wine was then aged in French oak barrels for 14 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Fruit forward ripe Pinot Noir showing strawberry, boysenberry and a hint of clove. The palate expresses flavors of licorice, tobacco and black cherry with integrated tannins on the finish.

### AWARDS

New Release



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year  
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year  
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World  
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year  
INDY International, 2019, 2018 & 2013