

2014 PINOT NOIR NYSA • OREGON

STATS

100% PINOT NOIR

HARVESTED SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

HARVEST BRIX 23°

ALCOHOL 13.5%

TA 6.0 g/L

PH 3.58

7-DAY COLD SOAK

SLOW, NATIVE FERMENTATION

GENTLE PUMP-OVERS TWICE DAILY

PRESSED GENTLY AND BARRELED DOWN
AFTER 24 HOURS OF SETTLING

15 MONTHS ÉLEVAGE

50% NEW FRENCH OAK

BOTTLED DECEMBER 2015

UNFINED AND UNFILTERED

45 CASES PRODUCED

RELEASED OCTOBER 2016

WINEMAKERS:

JEAN-NICOLAS MÉO

TRACY KENDALL

WINERY

NICOLAS-JAY IS A PINOT NOIR VENTURE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF OREGON'S WILLAMETTE VALLEY. CELEBRATED BURGUNDIAN WINEMAKER, JEAN-NICOLAS MÉO OF DOMAINE MÉO-CAMUZET, AND RENOWNED MUSIC AND MEDIA ENTREPRENEUR, JAY BOBERG, LEND THEIR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS AND SHARED DEDICATION TO THE WINERY, WHERE TRADITIONAL FRENCH WINEMAKING MEETS QUINTESSENTIAL OREGON TERROIR.

VINEYARDS

SITUATED AT AN ELEVATION OF 600 TO 700 FEET IN THE DUNDEE HILLS, NYSA VINEYARD WAS PLANTED IN 1990 BY MICHAEL MEGA, AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE SOURCE FOR SOME OF OREGON'S MOST EXCITING PINOT NOIRS. NICOLAS-JAY'S GRAPES COME FROM A COVETED BLOCK OF OWN-ROOTED POMMARD CLONE VINES THAT ARE SOME OF THE SITE'S ORIGINAL 1990 PLANTINGS. THESE TIGHTLY SPACED VINES GROW IN JORY VOLCANIC SOILS WITH AN UNDERLYING LAYER OF BASALT BEDROCK THAT HELPS ALLOW THE VINES TO BE DRY FARMED. THE OLDER VINES ON THIS BLOCK NATURALLY PRODUCE YIELDS OF JUST UNDER 2.0 TONS PER ACRE.

VINTAGE

WARM, SUNNY, DRY WEATHER CREATED THE IDEAL HARVEST CONDITIONS IN 2014. WINEMAKERS AND GROWERS WERE ABLE TO HANG FRUIT UNTIL THEIR OPTIMAL RIPENESS AND MATURITY WITHOUT IMPENDING RAIN AND DISEASE PRESSURE. CLUSTERS WERE HAND-PICKED AND GENTLY PLACED IN TWO LAYERS IN SMALL 1/8TH-TON CHERRY BINS, PROTECTING THE FRUIT FROM COMPACTION SO THAT THEY ARRIVE AT THE WINERY INTACT FOR HAND-SORTING.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

THE 2014 NYSA VINEYARD-DESIGNATE PINOT NOIR IS FOCUSED AND LIVELY, OPENING UP WITH BRIGHT RED FRUIT, AS WELL AS NOTES OF VIOLET AND CLOVE. IN THE MOUTH, IT IS IMMEDIATELY CHARMING, WITH FINE TANNINS AND A VELVETY TEXTURE THAT UNDERLIE FLAVORS OF BLACK RASPBERRY, CRANBERRY AND VANILLA. LONG AND BEAUTIFULLY SEDUCTIVE, THIS WINE DANCES ACROSS THE PALATE, BEFORE GLIDING ELEGANTLY TO A LONG AND EXPRESSIVE FINISH. IF CONSUMED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, THE WINE WILL BENEFIT FROM A GENTLE DECANTING ONE OR TWO HOURS BEFORE SERVING. IN A FEW SHORT YEARS, THIS WINE WILL INTEGRATE EVEN FURTHER AND BECOME QUITE IRRESISTIBLE.