

Iris Vineyards



TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES 100% Pinot Noir

AVA Willamette Valley

TA 5.2g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.4g/L

ALCOHOL 14.4%

ELEVAGE 15 months in 1-year old French oak

CLONES ENTAV 115, Pommard, Wadenswil

VINEYARDS Chalice Estate Vineyards

SOIL TYPES Bellpine, Jory

HARVESTED October 2015

BOTTLED January 2017

CELLARING 2-9 years

RELEASED November 2018

CASES 100

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman

PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$59.99

2015 ARETÉ PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley

World-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at our Chalice Vineyard. The cool climate in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range allows the grapes to mature slowly while maintaining the proper acid balance that is essential for producing the finest Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Each vineyard parcel was harvested separately, at peak maturity and brought into the cellar cold. The fruit was gently destemmed into 1.25 ton open top fermenters. Each lot was fermented separately. Once fermentation was complete, the lots were pressed to tank and then racked to barrel for aging. Individual barrels were carefully selected to compose a harmonious yet age worthy and complex blend. These barrels were then blended together for bottling.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Bud break began the last few days of March in 2015, the earliest ever at Chalice. The growing season was marked by a handful of warmer than average periods when the temperatures were at or above 90 degrees, reaching 100 a few days during August. The weather was warm and pleasant for bloom in mid-June which contributed to a uniform and quality fruit set. The cool nights, that are typical for our site and for our healthy soils, allowed our vines to weather the heat events of the summer with little to no stress. Late August and early September continued to be warmer than average; the elevation and Coast Range influence of our site kept the evenings cool and allowed the fruit to develop its flavor and acid. Our harvest began late September.

Awards and Accolades

Gold at the 2018 New Orleans International Wine Awards
Silver at the 2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition