



2006 La Nuit Magique Pinot Noir

“Smoky and sensuous ripe raspberry aromas beckon with a ‘come hither’ teasing. A sweet and seamless mouthfeel of cocoa-dusted red fruit culminates in a long, clean finish that etches into your memory; just what you would expect from La Nuit Magique. Drink from 2008 through 2018.”

Gary Horner, Erath winemaker

WINE HISTORY

“La Nuit Magique,” which is French for “The Magic Night,” refers to the defining moment when one falls in love with Pinot Noir. As winery lore would have it, every passionate Pinot Noir winemaker has had that one defining, spell-binding bottle of Pinot Noir that hooked them forever – that one magic night! The finest barrels in the cellar are selected and blended to create this special cuvée in honor of that Magic Night when wine transcends the moment and becomes immortalized as one of life’s great wine experiences.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

A favorable, mild and dry spring resulted in an exceptional fruit set. Through the summer and fall, the weather conditions remained advantageous and the fruit continued to develop under warm and dry conditions punctuated with brief heat spikes. The warm weather continued through September and October which significantly condensed the harvest period.

Cooler and slightly wet conditions arrived in late September as sugar levels began to soar, the delayed rains allowed the fruit to develop mature flavors and achieve optimum ripeness. The 2006 vintage produced red wines displaying a rounded intensity of pure fruit, acid and tannin.

APPELLATION
Willamette Valley

VINEYARDS
30% Bishop Creek
40% Prince Hill
30% Knight’s Gambit

BARREL REGIME
14 months; 100% French oak, 60% New

HARVEST
September 27 – October 5, 2006

T.A.
0.52gm/100mL

PH
3.66

ALCOHOL
14.1%