



2012 Knight's Gambit Pinot Noir

"Impossible-to-resist aromas of black currant, blackberry and freshly baked berry cobbler burst from the glass, luring the senses to further exploration. A mouthful of berry pie, cola and a slight meatiness is accentuated by zingy tannins. Concentrated fruit balances acidity for a harmonious finish."

Gary Horner, Winemaker

VINEYARD OVERVIEW

Plantings at Knight's Gambit vineyard began in 1988 with the most recent plantings completed in 2001. Today the vineyard contains about 34 acres planted on Jory soil, it spans 600-950 feet in elevation, and contains seven individual blocks based on clone, soil conditions and slope. There are also several microclimates within the vineyard. The lower elevation area was planted in 1988 and contains clones 115, 777 and Pommard. In 2001 additional 777 and Pommard clones were planted the higher elevation, these vines ripen a bit later than the lower elevation vines but still retain their bright acidity. This site consistently produces high quality fruit characterized by fresh red fruit characters; it is often a component of our Estate Selection Pinot Noir, as well as a stand-alone single vineyard wine.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2012 vintage in Oregon started with delayed spring weather and a cooler than usual June. However once temperatures rose the region enjoyed a long, warm summer that ultimately lead to excellent quality. The cooler start to the season reduced berry size and quantity per cluster, but provided a great ratio of skins to juice, hence greater color and flavor concentration. Record setting dry conditions coupled with warm days and cool nights during the fall preserved attractive, balanced acidity in the fruit. The advantageous harvest weather allowed us to pick when the grapes were truly ready. This year the fruit set characteristics varied widely from site to site.

APPELLATION
Dundee Hills

VINEYARDS
Knight's Gambit

BARREL REGIME
12 months, 40% new French oak

HARVEST
October 9, 2012

T.A.
0.62gm/100mL

PH
3.53

ALCOHOL
14.5%

CASES PRODUCED
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