



2015 Knight's Gambit Pinot Noir

"The rich, red Jory soil of the Dundee Hills tends to conjure red fruit aromas and flavors like the red currant, loganberry and red plum that leap from the glass. Intensely fruit forward, the mouth is overflowing with raspberry, marionberry and rhubarb. Keen acidity allows for an everlasting finish."

Gary Horner

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 covers 34 acres and spans 600-950 feet in elevation. Knight's Gambit consistently produces high quality fruit characterized by fresh red fruit characters, and is often a component of our Estate Selection Pinot Noir, as well as a stand-alone single vineyard wines.

The vineyard contains seven individual blocks based on clone, soil conditions and slope, and there are several microclimates throughout the vineyard. Planted in 1988, the lower elevation area contains clones 115, 777 and Pommard, with additional 777 and Pommard clones added at a higher elevation in 2001.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2015 vintage was the second hottest on record in the Willamette Valley, slightly behind the record setting 2014 vintage. The month of September and early October provided a very nice end to the season. Temperatures cooled to near normal, especially at night. The extremely early harvest extended into October allowing for maturation under preferred cool and dry conditions. Harvest began August 28 and lasted until Oct. 9.

Fruit quality was exceptional, producing balanced wines that despite the hot season maintained acidity with moderate alcohol. Excellent color and purity in the reds, and classic varietal character in the whites.

APPELLATION
DUNDEE HILLS AVA

VINEYARD
KNIGHT'S GAMBIT

BARREL REGIME
15MONTHS, 100% FRENCH, 40% NEW

HARVEST
SEPTEMBER 22

T.A.
0.62 GM/100ML

pH
3.52

ALCOHOL
13.5%

CASES PRODUCED
218 FCE