

# ERATH

WINERY

*the Art of Pinot*



## 2015 Willakia Vineyard Clone 115 Pinot Noir

*“Flamboyantly aromatic with red and black currant, mixed berries, root beer, sage and anise barging forth. The delivery is focused, offering red plum and pomegranate flavors buoyed by balanced acidity and long dusty tannin transitioning to a leisurely finish.”*

Gary Horner, Winemaker

### WINE HISTORY

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Erath's 119-acre Willakia Vineyard is located in the prestigious Eola-Amity Hills Appellation. During the growing season, the region benefits from the temperature-moderating effect of the prevailing ocean breezes that flow through Van Duzer Corridor. The vineyard is divided into small blocks with diverse clones and rootstocks based on the aspects, slopes and orientations of the vineyard's beautiful rolling lands.

These unique characteristics serve to complete Winemaker Gary Horner's philosophy of producing small, single vineyard wines to achieve high-quality and unique interpretations of Oregon Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

To date the vineyard is planted with 98 acres of Pinot Noir and 21 acres of Chardonnay. The vineyard is certified sustainably farmed under the LIVE and Salmon Safe programs.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

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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. 9th.

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  
Eola-Amity Hills

VINEYARDS  
Willakia Vineyard

CLONE  
115

HARVEST  
September 14 – 24

ALCOHOL  
13.5%

T.A.  
0.66 gm/100mL

pH  
3.65

BARREL REGIME  
15 months, 100% French oak,  
40% new

CASES PRODUCED  
225 FCE

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