



2017 CHALICE ESTATE D BLOCK 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 whole cluster pressed into stainless steel tanks to ferment as their own individual vineyard parcels. Once fermentation was complete, the individual tanks were blended together to build complexity and interest. The 2017 vintage brought generous fruit while retaining its acidity that gives this wine structure and balance.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2017 vintage at Iris Vineyards was distinguished by a return to normal. In recent years we have experienced warmer than average growing seasons and the 2017 vintage was notably average. Bud break hit in mid to late April with little to no concerns of frost. The mild spring weather allowed for steady, gradual vine development. Bloom occurred in late June during near perfect conditions. Some late heat spells in September accelerated ripening, however the Chalice Vineyard sight benefited from having large diurnal shifts, keeping temperatures low at night to slow maturation and enhance flavor development

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES 100% Pinot Noir

AVA Willamette Valley

TA 5.6 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR <0.1g/L

ALCOHOL 12.7%

ELEVAGE 10 months in 100% French oak,
40% new, 20% 1 year old

CLONES ENTAV 115

VINEYARDS Chalice Estate Vineyards

SOIL TYPES Bellpine

HARVESTED September 2017

BOTTLED September 2018

CELLARING 1-7 years

RELEASED March 2019

CASES 300

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman

PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$39.99