

## Raptor Ridge Company Overview

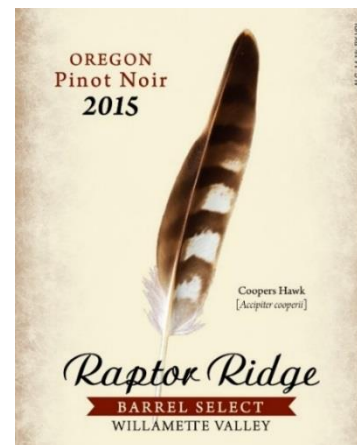
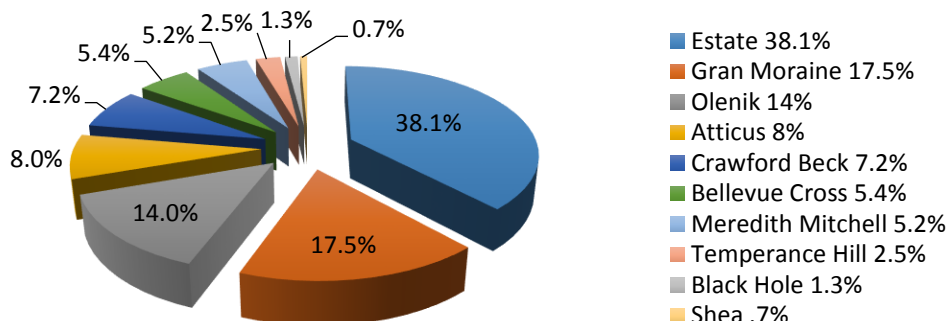


Founded Raptor Ridge in 1995, Raptor Ridge specializes in hand-grown single vineyard Pinot noir sourced from select Willamette Valley sites plus our own estate, Tuscowallame Vineyard. Named for our location on a ridge in the Chehalem Mountains AVA, our estate is a haven for our native raptors. We create intriguing wines by blending intuition honed over 23 vintages with the methodical approach of maintaining hundreds of separate lots. The result is an array of vineyard specific barrels, providing diversity and nuance to the final cellar-crafted cuvées.

-Annie & Scott Shull, Proprietors

## 2015 Barrel Select Pinot Noir

Our Barrel Select Pinot noir is our most diverse and complex blend of 100 percent Pinot noir from our Estate Vineyard, and multiple vineyard sites throughout the Willamette Valley. Our winemaking team “tunes” and “tweaks” various trial blends comprised of percentage-wise mixes from over 100 barrels hand-picked from our cellar before arriving at each year’s decision for the Barrel Select blend. Our intent with this wine is to craft a modestly-priced, excellent Pinot noir that is expressive of Oregon’s Willamette Valley.



## Production Statistics

- **Bottled:** September 1, 2016
- **Alcohol:** 14.1%
- **Case Production:** 3600
- **Vineyard Selections:** See pie chart above
- **Harvest Dates:** September 10- September 29, 2015
- **Average Brix:** 24.8
- **Average pH:** 3.73
- **Average TA:** 4.2
- **Cold Soak Average:** 5 days
- **Skin Contact Average:** 18 days
- **Yeast:** WS, 71-B, BRL 97, BM-45, ES488
- **French Oak:** 29% New for 11 months
- **SRP:** \$30

## Winemakers Sensory Notes

Aromas of Black fruit – plum and berry, brulée sugar crust, slight nuttiness, graphite and smoked meat. Flavor profiles match aromatics with Brown sugar, bittersweet cocoa, pleasant Oregon mushroom/earthiness. Pair with Cedar Plank Salmon and wild mushroom Risotto.

## Reviews by Scoring Publications

**93 Points [jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com):** An opulent pinot noir that shows aromas of dried cherries, raspberries and blueberries. There are also notes of plums and smoke. I like the complexity of the nose here. Medium to full body, velvety tannins and a medium finish. Drink or age.