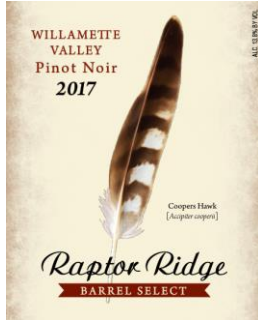


Raptor Ridge

W I N E R Y



2017 Pinot Noir Barrel Select

Bottled August 2018
13.8% Alcohol
3300 cases

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 four of the now seven nested AVAs in 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.

In the Vineyard

With ample rain and snowpack, 2017 was more of a return to normal with budbreak occurring closer to mid-April. Followed up by record heat in both July and August, we worried that we would have another early harvest. Fortunately, early September brought cooler temperatures which allowed us to more evenly pace our picks from September 25th to October 17th. Our Pinot Noir vineyard sources all came in at averages of 23.2 Brix, 3.42 pH, and 5.7 TA.

At the Winery

All Pinot is cluster-sorted before destemming into small 1.5-ton fermentation vessels. Each Pinot noir lot saw on average 5 days of cold soak, and an average of 18 days skin contact. Fermented exclusively with WS yeast to give a fruit forward, clean fermentation, the 2017 Barrel Select spent 11 months aging with 36.5% barrel intensity.

