

Pinot Noir

2016



The People

Ambitious young winemaker Emery Risdall and his father, Bob, are reinvigorating this historic estate, tucked into the coastal foothills of the northern Willamette Valley. Oregon winemaking pioneer Harvey Shafer's family was thrilled to entrust the land into the care of another hands-on winemaking family. Shafer was one of the first ten people to plant vines in the area, envisioning the great wine potential of the strawberry-covered acreage — also once a cattle ranch — that he inherited from his mother decades ago.

The Vineyard

The silty loam of the estate's 30 planted acres is divided into four blocks of vines. Grapes grown include Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Pinot Gris. The area's characteristic Kinton soil is accompanied by the similar, but more localized, Cornelius soil. Deep-rooted vines, some planted as early as 1972, have thrived without irrigation during the recent hot, dry summers.

Tasting Notes

Blackberry, dark cherry, blueberry, star anise and allspice emerge in the aromas of this intriguing Pinot Noir. Lightly astringent notes of white pepper, red plum, toasted coconut, cranberry and pomegranate play on the palate. This is the estate's first Pinot Noir vintage under the Risdall Ranch name.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal:	100% Estate-Grown Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Willamette Valley
Barrels:	10% new oak, 90% once-used oak
Harvest Date:	September 13, 15 & 17, 2016
Bottling Date:	November 15, 2017
Clone:	103
Alcohol:	13.5%