

UNCONDITIONAL

BY BATTLE CREEK CELLARS



2016 PINOT NOIR OREGON

Boysenberry, huckleberry and wild blueberry aromatics are accented by jasmine, lavender and sandalwood. The entry is lively and bright, showcasing the natural acidity of the Battle Creek Vineyard, complemented by the concentrated fruit resulting from our low yields in 2016. The mid-palate offers flavors of crème de cassis and blackberry cobbler, finishing with long, silky tannins and a hint of star anise. This wine is a wonderful aperitif, as well as an excellent accompaniment to a wide variety of foods.

VINEYARDS

Battle Creek Vineyard, Melrose, Yamhela, Roe, Red Hills, Howell Prairie, Waldo Hills, Kraemer

Oregon's 2014 and 2015 vintages produced lovely, high quality wines, but the 2016 vintage will truly be remembered as one of greatness. Warmer spring and summer temperatures led to one of the earliest seasons on record in the last twenty-five years at our vineyards. Yet, despite our early start, 2016 actually ended up below our historical average of 2,440 Growing Degree Days. The consistently warm, dry weather allowed us to achieve true physiological ripeness at harvest, which started Sept. 5 and concluded Oct. 1. The fruit that came into the cellar in 2016 is truly expressive with rich, concentrated flavors that continue to evolve.

WINEMAKING

100% Pinot Noir

Aged 7 months in 15% new oak;
90% French, 10% American

PH: 3.63 TA: 5.57 g/L

Alcohol: 14.4%

GOLD MEDAL, *TEXSOM International Wine Awards*

DISTINCTIVELY OREGON.