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The Heritage Cuvées are a limited bottling of the wines that have stood out as the most compelling, beautiful, and age-worthy wines that the vintage has to offer. The most profound expression of Pinot Noir is one of place, and these wines are always single vineyard designates.

Whistling Ridge Vineyard has produced the barrels for our Heritage cuvée in each of the years we have released it. The Heritage No. 4 is our bottling from these exceptional vines in 2015.

AVA: RIBBON RIDGE

PRODUCTION: 226 CASES

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

ELEVAGE: 100% FRENCH, 35% NEW, 21 M

VINEYARD: WHISTLING RIDGE

SOILS: MARINE SEDIMENTARY

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WHOLE CLUSTER: 75%

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 17 YEARS

OREGON PINOT NOIR
HERITAGE N°4

Whistling Ridge Vineyard sits ridge-top in the western edge of the Ribbon Ridge AVA. The vines catch the daily winds that blow in, slowing ripening, evaporating moisture, and thickening skins. Soils are eroded from uplifted marine sedimentary rock, 40 to 50 million years old, and dry out quickly in the growing season, forcing non-irrigated vines to grow roots deep in search of water. Richard and Patricia Alvord planted and have farmed the 14 acre plot for the past two and a half decades. Patricia does all of her own grafting, and Pinot Noir plantings are a selection massale of over half a dozen clones. The wines are structured, elegant and complex.

The No. 4 Heritage was comprised of four puncheons (two new and two once-filled), and three neutral barriques. Fermentors for this cuvée were between 33 and 100% whole cluster, with an average of 75% in the final blend. As with all of our Pinot Noirs, fermentations are relatively cool and slow, with native yeast, in small 1.5 ton bins. Punchdowns are done twice a day (after a short early period of pigeage for high whole cluster lots), and free run wine goes directly into barrel, where it sits on the lees undisturbed for 21 months.
