



## WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

### 2017 ALIETTE PINOT NOIR

YAMHILL-CARLTON | ESTATE GROWN

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

#### ALIETTE

Located on the northern ridgeline of the WillaKenzie Estate, with gently southeast facing slopes and elevation ranging between 550' and 600'. The terroir on this part of the Estate produces Pinot Noir with elegance and finesse, offering an array of red fruit and savory characteristics.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season started with seasonal bud break and flowering periods occurring in the early spring and early summer. Total heat accumulation was close to the 30-year regional average for the Willamette Valley and the vintage conditions helped to create wines in a classic Willamette Valley style.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested and sorted by hand on October 6 and 7, 2017. The grapes were fermented on their skins for approximately three weeks with daily punch downs before being transferred to French Oak barrels. The wine aged for 16 months in 50% new French Oak prior to bottling. ♣

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

PH: 3.64 TA: 5.6 g/L

#### ÉLEVAGE

13 months French Oak (30% new)

#### CLONES

78% Pommard, 18% Wädenswil

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE Certified
- Salmon Safe

#### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of rose petal and Bing cherry with a hint of sweet spice and white pepper followed by a juicy finish.

#### ACCLAIM

93 POINTS - *The Wine Advocate*  
Erin Brooks, April 2020

93 POINTS - *Vinous*  
Josh Reynolds, September 2020

90 POINTS - *Wine Spectator*  
Tim Fish, October 2020