

Crowley Wines 2015 La Colina Vineyard Pinot Noir

Vineyard info: La Colina Vineyard is located in the Dundee Hills AVA and was planted in 1999 to a mixture of Wadenswil and Pommard pinot noir clones. The elevation is 600 ft. and faces Southeast.

Appellation and soil: Dundee Hills is known for its rich, red volcanic Jory soils, which were formed from ancient volcanic basalt and consist of silt, clay and loam. They typically reach a depth of 4-6 feet and provide excellent drainage. Signature characteristics of the Dundee Hills include bright red strawberry and cherry notes mixed with warm spice and earth.

General info: The beautiful rolling La Colina Vineyard was our first vineyard holding and it's been an exceptional site from the very beginning, turning out many of our favorite barrels in the cellar year after year.

Our 2015 Pinot's benefitted from being completely de-stemmed. It was our intention that this would accentuate terroir and the wines could be stand-alone beauties without the added layering of stem inclusion. It's true. La Colina is powerful this year. It's coming of age (now 18 yrs. old) and showing a complex maturity. Each barrel of the 5 had a strong personality and a presence. The Dundee Hills is present to be sure...delicate maple essences combined with earthiness and bright cherry remind us there is no mistaking the dirt! But the concentrated signature of La Colina is the best part... the citrus and tea combined with the angular mouth feel keeps the wine demanding. Never a pushover, La Colina is finding its "voice" and has again delivered a special wine.

Wine info:

La Colina Vineyard
60% Pommard, 40% Wadenswil clones
Harvest date: Sept 22nd 2015
24-24.5 brix
Ph: 3.60
TA: 5.0 g/l
100% de-stemmed
10 day cold soak
Native fermentation, approx. 20 days in tank
Pressed and settled 24-48 hrs.
Barreled 22 months, no racking
No new oak
Full malolactic fermentation, no inoculation
No. of cases made: 123
Finished Ph: 3.65
Alc: 14%



Release: September 2017