CLUB CRUSH PINOT September Shipment (#5 - 2021)

TRISATEUM WINE CELLARS 2017 PINOT NOIR WICHMANN VINEYARD DUNDEE HILLS, OREGON

TASTING NOTES:

100% Estate fruit exclusively from our highest elevation vineyard in the Dundee Hills AVA. Elegant & giving with aromas of cherry kirsch, dusty earth and vanilla extract. Classic Dundee palate of black cherry cola and red raspberry with silky tannins and lively acidity. The tannins are utterly fine grained and bring to mind chai tea. This wine is sure to age beautifully over the next 10-15 years.



Trisaetum.com

WINERY INFO:

In 2003, Andrea and James Frey founded Trisaetum in one of the few places where climate, soil, and entrepreneurial spirit combine to produce some of the world's best wines. Today, the family owned and operated winery in the heart of Oregon's Ribbon Ridge AVA produces small lots of acclaimed Pinot Noir, Riesling, and Chardonnay from its three estate vineyards. The name Trisaetum is an amalgam of James and Andrea's two children---Tristen and Tatum.

The 2017 vintage started slightly early, with bud break at the begining of April, and progressed through a warm, dry growing season. Pinot Noir was picked starting September 13 on the Ribbon Ridge Estate; Wichmann Dundee was picked in the middle, and concluded on October 10 when the last of our fruit from the Coast Range made its way to the winery. More than 25 days between the first pick and the last pick is always a good sign. Given the warm, dry vintage, James opted to start all ferments with native indigenous yeast and employed whole-cluster fermentations fifty percent of the time.

Wichmann Dundee Estate (Dundee Hills AVA) This 10-acre site has 8 acres planted to vine in the Dundee Hills AVA and is also the highest in elevation of our three estates. The estate is sustainably and dry-farmed in an attempt to carefully manage our vineyards so that we are able to achieve a concentration of flavors and an expression of place in our wines. 6 acres of old vine Pinot Noir are planted entirely in volcanic Jory soils typical of the Red Hills of Dundee, and produces graceful, elegant Pinot Noirs with velvety texture.

Production: 167 cases

Clones: Pommard, Coury, Dijon 777, 667, & 115

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CORDANT WINERY 2017 'HYPERBOLE' PINOT NOIR CENTRAL COAST

TASTING NOTES:

The fruit for Hyperbole comes from 4 Central Coast vineyards. Its bouquet possesses a lovely mix of richness, fruit, and savory flavors, like a perfectly baked blackberry pie. On the palate, we find intriguing hints of pink rose, briar, red currant, violets, and spice, and it offers an alluring silky texture with deeper flavors of black cherry, baking spice, and a whisper of licorice. Hyperbole is nicely structured and lingers beautifully on the finish.



CordantWinery.com

WINERY INFO:

Tyler Russell is among those maverick Paso winemakers who likes to go the distance. He is winemaker for two wine brands, Nelle & Cordant, crafting Rhöne style wines and pinot noir respectively. He sources fruit from some 16 prized vineyards up and down the Central Coast.

From the winery: Embarking on the mission to engulf Cordant in Pinot Noir, we explored many roads less travelled. But we found ourselves surrounded by so much more. To say we stumbled upon things we couldn't say "no" to is an understatement. With a base idea and an open mind we were introduced to exceptional vineyards of Pinot Noir, Syrah, Grenache, and more, all up and down the California Central Coast. The objective then became acquainting ourselves with the unique sites that have the most to say, and to do our best to tell their story. This approach can only excel if we pay close attention to, and learn to work in harmony with these premium locations. In the cellar this same philosophy of "keeping an open mind" crosses over, where our game plan is simple and minimalist. When you pay attention to the grapes, they tell you what they need. It's never the other way around.

Production: 170 cases

Vineyards: Carver (York Mountain), Jespersen (Edna Valley), Kessler Haak (Sta Rita Hills), and Escolle (Santa Lucia Highlands)