



ANGELA ESTATE 2015 “ABBOTT CLAIM” PINOT NOIR

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage was both hot and dry generally yielding wines of warm fruit and power. Since there was no weather or disease pressure, it was up to the terroir and the winemakers to produce what they felt should be the best possible outcomes. In retrospect, a lot of the Pinot Noirs are darker in fruit, spicy and warm on the palate. The better examples are perhaps a bit more structured when acidity could be preserved, showcasing fresher aromatics.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING NOTES

Every wine produced under the Angela Estate label is single vineyard, estate Pinot Noir. The vines are farmed nutritionally, which treats the microbiology in the vineyards section by section. Soil and stem samples are analyzed for nutritional value. It is the most specific grape farming imaginable.

Our fruit is hand harvested in the early morning in small 14” buckets. It is then hand sorted and de-stemmed, deposited into one-ton bins for small-batch fermentations. After fermentation, the free-run juice is settled and put into barrel. The must is placed in specialized bladder presses for gentle pressing that do not exceed one atmosphere of pressure. The wine rests for 10 to 11 months in 30% new French oak barrels. We have typically used Cadus barrels for their warm tonality.

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION: 100% Yamhill-Carlton AVA

COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir

AGEING: 11 months in 30% NFO

CASE PRODUCTION: 2500 cases (9L)

TA: 5.7 G/L

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

pH: 3.76

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$60

ABBOTT CLAIM VINEYARD

Planted in 2001, the Abbott Claim Vineyard is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. The soils are ancient marine sediment soils: Wellsdale, Peavine, Willakenzie & Melbourne. The elevation runs between 425’ – 475’. The clonal selection is: Pommard (4 acres) Dijon 777 (6.25 acres) and Dijon 115 (5 acres) on Riparia Gloire, 101-14 & 3309 rootstocks.

Located on the Savannah Ridge, a unique outcropping of soil that leaves our site drier and accesses mother rock in 5 – 7 years.

