

THE PARING



THE PARING PINOT NOIR 2016:

Offering immediate drinking pleasure without sacrificing the complexity and nuance that makes this grape so compelling. A wine brimming with seductive fruit, alluring aromas and supple tannins. The consummate overachiever.

MATT DEES' WINEMAKER NOTES:

Completely seductive wine. Nose of blackberries and rosemary. Succulent and sweet red fruit. Savory notes and mouth coating tannins round out this harmonious and complete pinot noir.

89 POINTS

"The 2016 Pinot Noir is another terrific wine in this range that delivers superb quality and personality for the money. Dark, fleshy and inviting, the 2016 offers lovely depth in its dark red cherry and plum fruit. Licorice, spice, tobacco, cedar and earthy notes add shades of nuance. The tannins could use a bit more polish, but there are also limits to what can be achieved at this price point, especially with Pinot Noir, a notoriously fickle grape." — Antonio Galloni *Vinous* September 2018

91 POINTS

"From declassified The Hilt lots and raised in a mix of new and neutral oak, the 2016 Pinot Noir is a deeply colored effort that has subtle oak as well as rich notes of black cherries, black raspberries, toasted spice, and graphite. With medium to full-bodied richness, a layered, concentrated profile, and plenty of length, it needs a year or so to absorb some of this oak but is still a beautiful wine that readers should snatch up." — Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* October 2018

THE PARING MAKES ITS OWN RULES.



VINTAGE 2016

WINEMAKER Matt Dees

AVA Sta. Rita Hills

BARREL AGING

Aged in French oak (35% new and 65% neutral) for 11 months. Coopers include D&J, Francois Frères, and Remond.

BOTTLED unfiltered and unfiltered

ALCOHOL 14.2%

CASES PRODUCED 2,024