

Phelps Creek

V I N E Y A R D S

2016 Phelps Creek “Regina” Pinot Noir Columbia Gorge

WINEMAKER COMMENT

This Estate-grown Pinot Noir is an homage to our founder's Mother, Regina who each season returns from her winter home, adding charm and grace like the wine she inspired. The self-rooted Pommard clone vines represent the inaugural planting on our vineyard over 30 years ago. Our ancient volcanic soils usher in beautiful spice, while the high elevation brings brightness to the finished wine. This clone produces a well-structured, aromatic Pinot, high in tannin and laced with dark fruits expressing a somewhat meaty character. Aged 11 months in 60% new French oak barrels.

PHELPS CREEK VINEYARDS

The most westerly vineyard on the Oregon side of the Columbia Gorge AVA, Phelps Creek is nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Defiance at 1200 feet elevation. Established in 1990, our small boutique winery focuses on estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varietals, annually producing 5,000 cases of wine in total. Vineyard care takes center stage in our wine production, where sustainable agricultural practices combined with careful management of the fruit yields on the vines lead to the noted luxurious intensity within our bottle.

VINTAGE

2016 was a year of very average heat and length of season. However, it crazily began and finished 6 weeks early - as if the Earth “skipped a cog”. Sourcing from multiple blocks across our property and following 22 months in French Oak, we bottled the finest four barrels of Pommard clone to craft this beautiful selection.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This 100% Estate grown Pinot Noir combines three sites of Pommard clone. South and east facing steep slopes allow for near perfect growing conditions for the noble Pinot Noir grape. The cool evenings provide beautiful acid balance. Our volcanic soils add spice and mineral elements. Barrel aged for an extended period in French Oak to bring out aromatics and soften structure.

TASTING NOTES

Polished acidity, the result of a Winemaker's restraint in ripeness, balances a rich nose of leather and tobacco. A palette of bright red fruits with a lush texture full of earth and spice notes, reflective of our volcanic soils.



REVIEWS

92 Points - James Suckling (March 2024)

“A flavorful, well-composed and polished red with aromas of forest berries, sour cherries, warm herbs and mild spices. It’s medium-bodied with silky tannins and bright acidity. Vibrant and all in balance. Poised, refined and lively, with a long finish. Drink or hold.” - J.S.

BOTTLE NOTES	
Harvest Date:	September 9, 2016
Average Brix	23.0
Clonal Selection: 100% Estate Pinot Noir	100% Pommard Clone
Alc:	13.2%
Bottling:	September 2017
Case Production:	159