



## 2006 Siduri Hawk's View Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2006 vintage in the Willamette Valley is one of our favorite vintages in the dozen years we have been producing Oregon Pinot Noirs. Recently, there has been some revisionist criticism with folks saying that the wines are too big and too soft. And, while that may have been the case in some parts of the Willamette, the vineyards at the northern end of the Valley where we purchase our fruit, tend to do extremely well in cooler vintages. The Hawk's View Pinot Noir comes entirely from the Wadenswil clone planted on the site. In 2006 we were able to pick these grapes at the end of September (which is early for this site) but we still were able to get enough hang-time to let the stems ripen and utilize some whole clusters in the fermentation. We believe this helped contribute to a more complex wine. We were also able to reduce the amount of new oak from previous vintages as this wine saw 45% new French wood.

The 2006 Siduri Hawk's View Vineyard Pinot Noir shows a fresh fruit-filled palate with flavors of currants and plums. The wine also exhibits hints of dried herbs (perhaps from the whole clusters) and a touch of vanilla from the oak. The finish is long and crisp. As is usually the case with our Oregon offerings, this wine really needs food to show its best (try some grilled fish). We also believe it will improve substantially with a couple of years in the bottle.

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