



Sokol Blosser

DUNDEE HILLS, OREGON

Est. 1971

2015 ORCHARD BLOCK PINOT NOIR



- 93 Points, James Suckling, December 2018
- 91 Points, Wine Enthusiast, August 2018
- 90 Points, Wine Spectator, August 2018

Our Single Block program showcases the variation and nuanced expressions of the different vineyards on our Estate. Due to replanting our estate vineyard from 1998 to 2011, our single block production has ranged from limited to none each vintage. Now, mature and back in full production, we are pleased to share these limited production and distinct expressions of our extraordinary estate vineyard blocks.

Established on six acres of the Sokol Blosser estate that used to be an orchard of plum trees intended for prunes, our Orchard Block was given its name because, as Susan Sokol Blosser said, "Prune Block" just doesn't sound as appealing. The block is planted to a single clone of pinot noir, Dijon 777 in the famous clay loam Jory soil.

Our **2015 Orchard Block Pinot Noir** exhibits aromas of wild plum and ripe strawberries, with a hint of cardamom on the palate, and a touch of granite on the finish.

VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

2015 saw record heat growing degree days, encouraging the earliest bud break and bloom since we began growing grapes in 1971, and one of the earliest harvest dates on record. The large crop required fruit thinning to ensure we had enough fermentation space in the cellar. We finished bringing in fruit on September 22nd, the same day we started harvest in 2012. We have never seen a hotter year in Oregon. The one constant about growing grapes here is that every year is different and special. 2015 was a huge serving of both.

WINEMAKING

Handpicked, handsorted and carefully destemmed
Made with 100% Estate organic grapes, certified by the Oregon Department of Agriculture
100% barrel-aged in French oak for 17 months with 44% new barrels
14% alcohol by volume | 382 produced
10-15 year lifespan in a proper cellar



In 1971, the Sokol Blosser family planted grapes on just five acres in the Dundee Hills. As one of the pioneering wineries of the region, Sokol Blosser has played a key role in developing and shaping the now-prominent Oregon wine industry. The winery is family owned and operated, with the second generation now at the helm: siblings Alex and Alison Sokol Blosser. Achieving B Corp certification in 2015, the estate has grown to more than 128 acres under cultivation, and the winery works to create wines of world-class quality, produced in a sustainable manner, which reflect the distinctive flavors of the grapes, soil and climate. Cheers!