



2016 Silice Pinot Noir

Silice is our 21 acre biodynamic farmed estate vineyard which lies on top of Calkins Lane in the Chehalem Mountains AVA, contiguous to the winery building and the Winery Block vineyard. The deep marine sedimentary sands here are bright and reflective, so vines need to work hard to plunge their roots deep into the ancient sandstone in search of water and nutrients. The resulting wines are highly perfumed, spiced and structured for ageing. The 2016 vintage is our 14th vintage of crafting this wine from this great property.

Dark ruby red in color with violet reflections in the glass, the 2016 Silice Pinot Noir has a wild aromatic bouquet that leaps from the glass. Boysenberry and dark cherry fruit mingles with sassafras, cinnamon graham crackers, anise, dried herbs, smoked game, tobacco and leather. This wine is distinctly old world in character with great earthiness, mushroom, meat and tobacco flavors, yet retains a bright core of fresh fruit, spice and flowers with succulent acidity and plentiful fine-grained tannins. This is a wine for the cellar and I recommend giving it 3-5 years before enjoying, but it will live and drink well for two decades or more. If consumed in its first 3 years of life, I recommend splash decanting before drinking.

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