



2017 Le Pré du Col Vineyard Pinot Noir

Our tenth vintage anniversary working with this exquisite terroir on the Ribbon Ridge, the 2017 Le Pré du Col Vineyard Pinot Noir epitomizes what is so special about this vineyard and AVA. Planted in 2006 rooted in very sandy soils, this 16-acre vineyard is heavily influenced by the old growth forest that frames the vineyards on all sides. Despite the site's reflective white sands, the surrounding Douglas Fir protect the vineyard from morning sun and afternoon heat, which extends its growing season and builds great physiological ripeness and complexity.

We now rarely destem the fruit from this vineyard, so the whole cluster fermentation adds to the spice and saline expression from this vineyard. Dark cherry red in color, the 2017 Le Pré du Col Vineyard is gorgeous in the glass. It has an attractive bouquet of sweet baking spices, like cinnamon, cardamom, graham, nutmeg, accompanied with notes of fresh turned earth, pungent dark cherry, cranberries, and citrus oils, as well as an umami, savory and sweet Matsutake mushroom character. It is youthful and taught with bright red fruit flavors, and the salty and sweet dichotomy of the vintage is perfectly framed with fine ripe tannins. This wine has powerful complexity and intensity with juicy, natural acidity. There is a salty, oyster shell type of an expression to the wine and a mushroom character that emerges in the back of the palate. This wine has a lovely textured, tannic finish that will require patience in the cellar but will drink beautifully for many years to come. Drink 2020-2040.

Note: The 2017 Le Pré du Col Vineyard Pinot Noir will be allocated only to Bergström Wine club members and select national and international restaurant accounts.

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