

2017 Pinot Noir Reserve Umpqua Valley

VINTAGE

After a few dry winters, the 2017 winter provided ample rain and snowpack statewide. The winter gave way to a relatively cool and wet spring compared to the last few years. As a result, bud break started closer to normal in mid-April. The spring warmed up with record heat in late May that initiated flowering. Flowering was complete and produced a very good fruit set. July ramped up the heat moving the vintage rapidly to véraison. August 2017 was the warmest August on record in the state. ~ Oregon Wine Board

VINEYARD

Grapes were 100% grown and hand harvested at **Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards**; a 200 acre property (40 vineyard acres) in the heart of the Umpqua Valley. On the property are two south-facing hillsides, named **Prayer Rock and Romancing Rock Vineyards**. The nearby **Umpqua River** creates cool evening temperatures (ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development).

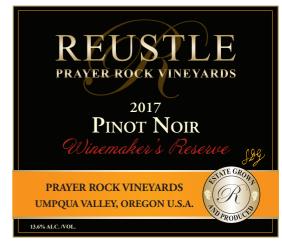
WINEMAKING

Grapes were destemmed, cold-soaked and innoculated in insulated 1-ton fermenters. Various strains of yeast were used to maximize complexity. Punch-downs were maintained at a minimum of two times per day, and sometimes up to four. Aged for **10 months in French Oak**, and aged an additional **1 year in bottle** before release. Reserve designation is attributed as a selection of our favorite clones of Pinot Noir.

2017 PINOT NOIR RESERVE TASTING NOTES:

red currant Earthy
medium-bodied expressive
structured tannins
rich Cherry Cola toasty
soft french oak raspberry





TECHNICAL DATA



Harvest Date: Early September

TA: 6.3 PH: 3.8

Alcohol: 13.6%

Aged In: 60% New,

French Oak Barrels

Barrels Produced: 20

Clones: 30% Wadenswil

35% 777 / 35% 114

VINEYARD DATA

Elevation: 460 - 660'

Aspect/Slope: South-facing,

5-40% slope

Vine Age: 8-14 Years

Soil Types: Oakland, Pengra, &

Sutherlin Silt Loam

FOOD PAIRING

Grilled Salmon, Lamb, Blue Cheese



