



## 2007 Red Hills Estate Oregon Pinot Noir

**ORIGIN:** Our 26-acre Red Hills Estate vineyard is a gentle south facing slope ranging in elevation between 400 and 600 feet in the heart of the Dundee Hills AVA. On basaltic, Jory soils, it produces one of our finest vineyard designated wines. The vineyard contains twenty year-old plantings of self-rooted Pommard clones as well as Dijon clones planted up to 4800 vines per acre and is meticulously farmed utilizing sustainable practices, ensuring the highest possible fruit quality.

**VINEYARD:** The grapes for the 2007 Red Hills Estate were hand harvested between September 22nd and October 6th from nine different blocks containing Dijon clones 115 and 777 on three different rootstocks. Low yields and cool temperatures during harvest contribute to the bright aromatics and focus of this generous wine.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were hand-picked and sorted by hand, then fermented in both wooden and stainless steel open-top fermentors using an average of 8% whole clusters. The fruit was soaked cold for 5 to 10 days, then fermented entirely by native yeasts under temperature controlled conditions. Vats were manually punched down one to three times per day during active fermentation. After limited post fermentation macerations, the wine was sent by gravity to 63% new French oak barrels for aging. After 10 months, the wine was transferred to older barrels for an additional 5 months of aging. After a total of 15 months in barrel and an additional month in stainless steel, the wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered in February of 2009.

**TASTING NOTES:** This alluring wine offers an inviting perfume of blue fruits and floral notes, manuka honey, clove and allspice. The palate is a mouthwatering swirl of black cherry and blackberry fruit with hints of exotic sandalwood, star anise and fresh korinjte cinnamon. This is a wine of integrity; boasting vibrancy, purity and focus and balanced in flavor and texture. From the attack which is smooth and compelling to the succulent midpalate and crescendo of a finish, this wine is a harmonious whole which keeps on giving.