



2011 RED HILLS ESTATE

Dundee Hills Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS

Our Red Hills Estate is a 26 acre vineyard in the Dundee Hills AVA. This gentle, south-facing slope reaches in elevation from 400 to 600 feet and is composed of Basaltic 'Jory' soils. Vines here range from 20 year-old self-rooted Pommard clone planted to 800 vines per acre to Dijon clones planted to 4800 vines per acre. Farming is meticulous and detailed, utilizing sustainable practices. This vineyard produces one of our finest vineyard designated wines.

WINEMAKING

Fruit for the 2011 vintage was hand picked between October 20th through November 2nd. The fruit was hand sorted and soaked cold for five to ten days, after which native yeast fermentation was allowed to proceed under temperature-controlled conditions in both wooden and stainless steel open top fermentors. During primary fermentation, tanks were punched down up to two times per day. After limited post-fermentation maceration, the wine was sent via gravity to 52% new French oak barrels and aged for 10 months, then the wine was racked and transferred to older barrels for three months of additional aging.

TASTING NOTES

The perfume of our Red Hills Vineyard is unmistakable in the glass: mountain strawberries, cracked allspice, red currants, cinnamon and nut oil provide a medley of aromatic intrigue. The palate swells with briary fruit notes reminiscent of red raspberries and Bing cherries, dusted with a pinch of crushed rocks. On the finish, the spices, fruits and minerals all converge to create a wine of tremendous persistence.



VINEYARD SOURCE

100% Red Hills Estate

TIMES VINES TOUCHED PER YEAR 12

FARMING

By hand using sustainable practices

CLONAL COMPOSITION

Dijon Clones 777, 115, 667 and Pommard

FERMENTATION

Fermented in wooden and stainless steel open top tanks

ÉLEVAGE

Aged 10 months in 52% new French oak barrels from Tonnellerie Rousseau and Francois Freres

TOTAL BARREL AGING 13 months

BOTTLING DATE February 2013

CELLARING Ten to fifteen years

SRP \$85

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