



# AVERAEN

2016

WILLAMETTE VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

AVERAEN was born out of our love for cool climate Pinot Noir. Oregon's Willamette Valley offers an ideal growing climate, where strong winds blow from the nearby Pacific Ocean, and the mix of ancient volcanic soils and marine sediments from a prehistoric ocean floor lend intense minerality and complexity to the Pinot Noir grapes grown on them. Simple sustainable farming, hands-off winemaking and a passion for Pinot Noir dictate our mission.

Our vineyards span the Willamette's sub-AVAs, enabling us to create a wine that is a true representation of the Valley as a whole — playing off each site's specific personality and complimentary nature to create a harmonious blend.



## VINEYARDS

CHEHALEM MTN  
CROFT  
DEUX VERT  
EOLA SPRINGS  
HOLMES GAP  
MEREDITH MITCHELL  
NYSA  
SISU  
STILL  
VALIN

## SUBREGION (AVA)

Chehalem Mountains  
Willamette Valley  
Yamhill-Carlton  
Eola-Amity Hills  
Van Duzer Corridor  
McMinnville  
Dundee Hills  
Yamhill-Carlton  
McMinnville  
Eola-Amity Hills

## SOILS

Dupee  
Bellpine  
Willakenzie  
Jory  
Chehulpum  
Jory  
Jory  
Willakenzie  
Jory  
Jory

## CLONES

Pommard/Dijon  
Wadenswil/Pommard  
667/1018  
Pommard (old vines)  
Pommard  
Pommard (own rooted)  
Pommard/115/777  
Pommard/Dijon Mix  
Mix  
113/114/115/777

## WINEMAKING

**WINEMAKER** Adam Smith  
**VARIETIES** 100% Pinot Noir  
**HARVEST** September 6<sup>th</sup> - October 6<sup>th</sup>  
**FERMENTATION** Temperature controlled stainless steel and neutral foudre  
**AGING** 10 months  
**BARRELS** Rousseau, Taransaud, François Freres and Remond barrels (228L)  
**ALCOHOL** 13.8%      pH 3.69      TA 6.0      UPC 853868006413

## 2016 VINTAGE

Not unlike the vintages preceding it, 2016 was an early harvest with immaculate fruit conditions yielding almost no disease or bird damage. Thanks to a warm spring, condensed flowering and a record-setting hot August, we were afforded the ability to pick our "early risers" at ideal flavor maturity, while our later ripeners at higher elevations could unfurl their character more slowly with very little disease or bird pressure. Vintages like 2016 that present us with such a large harvest window has led to wines of incredible complexity, representing the uncanny diversity of the Willamette Valley.