

BEAUX FRÈRES PINOT NOIR, SEQUITUR VINEYARD



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The Sequitur Vineyard was planted in 2012 by Carey Critchlow and Michael G. Etzel, the founding owner and winemaker. Their homestead vineyard, it includes no less than 17 different clones of Pinot Noir in a unique microclimate, protected on three sides by a dense stand of Douglas fir. The vineyard covers 12 acres. They farm organically, do not irrigate, and include Biodynamic practices. The grapes are harvested when physiologically (rather than analytically) ripe. The winemaking philosophy is one of minimal intervention. Primary fermentation using indigenous yeast in small vats for 18-20 days, approximately 20% stem inclusion, unfinned and unfiltered.

Aged 10 months in French oak barrels, 50% new.

While vacationing in 1986, Michael Etzel came upon an 88-acre pig farm for sale on Ribbon Ridge in the Northern Willamette Valley, Yamhill County, Oregon. After some deliberation, he purchased the farm with his brother-in-law (the French idiom is beaux frères), wine critic Robert Parker, Jr. Michael then moved with his young family from Colorado and began planting Pinot Noir, slowly transforming the old pig and dairy farm into a jewel. Today his son, Mike D. Etzel is winemaker. In the spring of 2017, their second-generation winery began a new partnership with eighth-generation, family-owned French winery Maisons & Domaines Henriot.

Since their first vintage in 1991, the Beaux Frères philosophy remains the same; to produce a world-class Pinot Noir from small, well-balanced yields and ripe, healthy fruit that represents the essence of the vineyard.

Beaux Freres wines develop significant perfume, weight and texture in the bottle, and most need a bit of bottle time to really show their stuff.

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Tasting Note:

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