

2019 CHAPTER 24 VINEYARDS

LAST CHAPTER PINOT NOIR



WINEMAKERS:

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REGION:

Willamette Valley, Oregon

VARIETALS:

Pinot Noir (Clones: 114, 667, Pommard, Swan)

MATURATION:

10 months in 100% French oak (40% new)

ANALYSIS:

13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.3 g/L | pH: 3.54

BACKGROUND: Last Chapter Pinot Noir is Chapter 24's top, limited production cuvee from grapes grown in both volcanic (Fire) and sedimentary soils (Flood). The combination carries both bright and tart "red" notes from the fire set against deeper more soulful "blue" notes from the flood.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were picked in September and October, then 100% destemmed, and were fermented with indigenous yeasts in 3-ton stainless steel tanks. The grapes were allowed to "infuse" as whole berries at a moderate temperature in an oxygen rich environment until being pressed in small lots in a manually controlled basket press. The Last Chapter has been aged for 10 months in approximately 40% new French oak coming from Sequin Moreau and Francois Frères.

TASTING NOTES: This blend was created as a study in harmony. Polished and refined is this vintages' hallmark. The Last Chapter opens up with vanilla-dusted roses, Bing cherry, fresh picked raspberries and cocoa powder. The palate is fresh and complex, with vibrant red fruit, fresh leaves and black tea. Impeccably structured, poised and sophisticated. A true representation of a Willamette Valley terroir-driven wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: New release not yet rated. 2017 vintage: 94 pts Vinous, 92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

ABOUT CHAPTER 24: Chapter 24 Vineyards was named after the last chapter of Homer's epic poem, The Odyssey. This particular chapter was added long after Homer died. The Greeks continued the tale to satisfy themselves despite the author thinking he was finished after Chapter 23. The mark of a great ending is not what it says about the past, but rather what it promises for the future, and Chapter 23 clearly raised more questions than it answered. In this same spirit, the story of Chapter 24's wines continues well past the cellar door. Winemaking is just the beginning of the story. The wine may be finished but it is not the end.

