



## **2005 Meyer Vineyard Pinot Noir**

### **Notes for the Wine List**

Stylistically true to the growing region of Dundee Hills, the wine is well-balanced and complex.

**Color** –Opulent ruby.

**Aroma** – Amazing aromas of pomegranate, raspberries and red cherries with spice.

**Mouth feel** – Fresh, lively and lush.

**Flavor** – Mirrors aromas, true to characteristics of Pinot Noir from Dundee Hills.

**Finish** – Rich and supple with silky, sweet tannins.

### **Winemaking Notes**

The Meyer Vineyard of the Dundee Hills AVA produces fruit of superb quality and represents the second of three unique single vineyard designated bottlings for Dobbes Family Estate. The Dundee Hills produces Pinot Noir of distinct character, exhibiting primary aromas and flavors of red fruit. The Meyer Vineyard contributes particular nuances that lend a multi-layered complexity to the wine.

The vineyard was farmed to 2.10 tons per acre with one cluster per shoot in order to maximize exposure for full ripening. The grape clusters were sorted by hand prior to de-stemming with approximately 70% whole berries intact in the fermenter. The must underwent a six-day pre-fermentation cold soak at 45-50 degrees prior to heating to initiate indigenous fermentation. Each lot was punched down three times per day and pressed out after twelve days total fermentation time. The young wine was introduced to barrel within sixteen hours of pressing and was racked twice prior to bottling.

### **Joe's Tasting Notes**

Simply said, this wine is one of the most complete wines I have ever crafted. Extremely well-rounded, the wine reflects the true characteristics of Pinot Noir from the growing region. Copious aromas blast from the glass of pomegranate, raspberry, maple syrup, saffras and red cherries. The primary aromas are balanced with a cornucopia of fruit spices. The flavors mirror the aromas accompanied by a complete envelopment of rich and supple texture. Silky, sweet tannins balance the structure with vivacious acidity carrying a fresh and lively mouth feel from beginning to end.

### **Joe's Vintage Comments**

The wines of the 2005 vintage represent amazing quality, complexity and balance. From this vintage come some of the best Pinot Noirs I have had my hand in to date in nineteen Oregon vintages. The alcohols are well within balance with great concentration of pure Pinot Noir flavor. The fruit expression and good acidity is characteristic of the best Pinot Noirs. The wines of this vintage will age gracefully, staying true to the varietal. Subscribing to the belief that “big is not necessarily best,” these wines truly represent the best of what great Pinot Noir has to offer.

### **Dobbes Family Estate Wines**

Dobbes Family Estate promises wines of distinction that represent a true expression of the finest varietals in Oregon by marrying nature, nurture and artistry to craft wines that exhibit unparalleled quality and sophistication. Our wines are crafted to be very drinkable and approachable while young, yet have the structure and acidity to age well and reward the patient.

Dobbes Family Estate produces Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley; Viognier and Syrah from the Rogue Valley. Close attention to detail in the vineyard such as crop load, site selection and harvest timing, gentle handling of the fruit, as well as fermentation and aging methodologies leads to wines which are juicy, mouth-filling and delicious with well-balanced acidity.

### **Wine Statistics**

Vineyard Sources- 100% Meyer Vineyard, Dundee Hills AVA  
Soil Type – Laurel Wood  
Harvest Dates- October 11, 2005  
Brix at Harvest- 24.4  
Yeast Strain- Indigenous  
Fermentation- 1.5-6 ton fermenters  
Barrel Aging- 11 months  
Barrel Regimen – 100% French oak, 50/50 new to neutral  
Bottle Date- August 4, 2006  
Cases Produced- 42 cases  
Alcohol Level- 12.6%  
pH- 3.59  
TA-0.64 g/100mL  
Retail Price - \$65.00 Wholesale Price - \$45.50

