



DOBBES

FAMILY ESTATE



2016 McMinnville Cuvée PINOT NOIR

McMinnville AVA

Part of our AVA Pinot Noir collection, McMinnville Cuvée showcases the darker, deeper side of Pinot Noir with black fruit notes, structured tannins, and rich texture.



GROWING SEASON

The 2016 growing season continued to push the envelope for defining the new normal in Oregon as one of the earliest on record. An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer conditions, which provided even growing conditions through véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit produced resulted in wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A blend of Dupee and Momtazi Vineyards, the aroma presents earthy tones of eucalyptus, leather and dried fig alongside fruit and floral layers found in marionberry, blackcurrant, blueberry, violet, and vanilla. A seamless transition onto the palate highlights structured tannins, with spicy cedar and tobacco notes from 10% whole cluster fermentation. 16 months in 40% new French oak has enhanced this wine's non-fruit complexity and provided extra time to integrate structured, age-worthy tannins, which frame the long finish. This darker, more tannic style of Pinot Noir will enhance a variety of protein-focused dishes such as grilled lamb chops, beef stew, and pork rillettes. A little bottle age will help the wine find balance in its youth from 2020-2023 and aged integration from 2024-2025.

PAIRS BEST WITH

Grilled Lamb • Aged Parmesan • Beef Stew • Pork Rillettes

TASTING NOTES

Appellation: McMinnville

Color: Deep ruby

Aroma: Marionberry, blackcurrant, dried fig, violet, leather, eucalyptus

Mouthfeel: Medium to full body, structured tannins, balancing acid

Flavor: Blackberry, cherry, tobacco, black tea, cedar, vanilla

Finish: Medium-long with age-worthy tannins and juicy acid

TECH FACTS

TA: 6.40 g/L

pH: 3.54

Alcohol Level: 14.2%

Barrel Aging: 16 months in 100% French Oak, 40% new

Cases Produced: 250