



**DOBBES**  
FAMILY ESTATE



## 2017 VISTA HILLS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### *Dundee Hills* AVA

*Perched atop the storied Dundee Hills, this LIVE certified, sustainable vineyard delivers wines with bright red fruit notes and earthy, spicy complexity.*

### GROWING SEASON

The 2017 Willamette Valley growing season began with a more typical bud break in mid-April, compared to an earlier start in 2016. Excellent conditions at bloom resulted in a heavy fruit set that, even with thinning, yielded 10-15% more fruit than average at harvest. A warm, dry summer followed by late September rains and early fall cool temperatures slowed ripening and ensured high quality fruit that was mature yet not overripe.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A cherry forward aroma dominates with floral rose accents and hints of vanilla and cedar. The red fruit carries onto the palate, joined by notes of tobacco and spice, showcasing the contribution of 22% new French oak barrel aging. The finesse of the 2017 vintage sings loud and clear in this wine, with smooth tannins and supporting acid carrying a medium length finish.

### PAIRS BEST WITH

Seared Duck with Polenta • Mixed Green Salad with Hazelnuts and Blue Cheese

### TASTING NOTES

**Appellation:** Dundee Hills

**Color:** Ruby

**Aroma:** Forward cherry, rose, hints of vanilla, cedar

**Mouthfeel:** Delicate, with fine-grained tannins and moderate acidity

**Flavor:** Abundant cherry, spicy accents of vanilla, cedar, tobacco

**Finish:** Elegant, with juicy acid, smooth tannins and medium length

### TECH FACTS

**TA:** 5.43 g/L

**pH:** 3.64

**Alcohol Level:** 14.2%

**Barrel Aging:** 10 months in 22% new French oak

**Cases Produced:** 200