



DOBBES

FAMILY ESTATE



2018 DUNDEE HILLS CUVÉE PINOT NOIR

Dundee Hills AVA

Part of the AVA Collection, this wine is a perfect snapshot of the classic characteristics of the Dundee Hills: red fruits, spice, and earth.

GROWING SEASON

Bud break began in mid-April, similar to 2017. Good conditions for Bloom in mid June provided a healthy fruit set transitioning to a warm and dry July and August. September progressed from dry to an alternating series of warm and cool streaks with occasional rain that all continued into October. Dry soil from a warm growing season easily absorbed excess moisture and cooler temperatures slowed ripening, providing convenient picking windows. Each window of cold or rain was followed by a period of warm and dry creating an experience similar to a boring roller-coaster. We began harvesting Pinot Noir on September 19th and finished October 11th with excellent maturity and slightly higher than average acid levels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Multi-layered cherry aromas from pie to preserves dominate against a gentle backdrop of blueberry, raspberry, subtle oak spice and vanilla. The palate carries the red fruit theme with a tart expression of currant and cranberry, accented with cola and plum. A vibrant mouthfeel from youthful tannins and mouthwatering acid carries the medium long finish. This is a delightful example of the 2018 vintage; ripe and mature with youth preserving acidity.

PAIRS BEST WITH

Pesto Chicken • Mushroom Risotto • Pork Xiao Long Bao

TASTING NOTES

Appellation: Dundee Hills

Color: Dark ruby

Aroma: Red raspberry, pomegranate, blueberry, vanilla, baking spice

Mouthfeel: Vibrant with mouthwatering acid and youthful tannin

Flavor: Tart red fruits, red currant, cola, cranberry, pie cherry, plum

Finish: Medium-long with forward acid and youthful tannin

TECH FACTS

TA: 6.81 g/L

pH: 3.51

Alcohol level: 14.2%

Residual Sugar: 0.03%

Barrel Aging: 10 months in French oak, 43% new

Cases produced: 175