

Brittan Vineyards

2015 “THE PUNCHEON” PINOT NOIR

Winemaker Robert Brittan, a wine industry veteran with the experience of over 45 harvests, has always had a passion for Pinot noir; a love affair that began in the 1980’s when he made several vintages under his Britt Hill label with fruit from Carneros. In 2004, Robert decided to leave Stags’ Leap Winery in Napa and start a Pinot noir project in the cool climate of the northern Willamette Valley.

NOTES ON “THE PUNCHEON”

Each vintage, Robert Brittan ferments small lots of Pinot noir from each of our single blocks in open-top “puncheons,” custom-built 500L French oak barrels standing on end with one of their heads removed. The final cuvée is meticulously assembled from these lots, producing a complex and intriguing wine of great depth, complexity and longevity.

VINTAGE NOTES

2015 started out moderate, then showed some heat in mid-summer, followed by a relatively cooler fall. This allowed for good fruit maturity without high alcohol, resulting in wines that are elegant and nuanced. They are sure to gratify the palate now, as well as in the years to come.

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 vintage of “The Puncheon” Pinot Noir leans towards a more ‘classic’ Willamette Valley style than previous vintages, with sweet red fruits and a complete roundness to the palate. You’ll find hints of fresh spearmint, tobacco, black tea, rye and flamed orange peel on the nose with pomegranate, strawberry, raspberry and rhubarb on the palate. A lovely wine with a long finish. Perfect now and will continue to develop with age. Drink now through 2035.

AVA: McMinnville

VINEYARD: Brittan Estate Vineyard

CASES PRODUCED: 44 cases and 24 magnums

SELECTION: Swan, Pommard

ELEVAGE: 12 months in once-filled French oak

DATE BOTTLED: December 13, 2016

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

SRP: \$75/ 750 mL, \$160/ 1500mL

