

- LOT #2 -

BETHEL HEIGHTS VINEYARD

2015 Legacy 1979 Pinot Noir

Lot Size: 5 CASES

Vineyard Name: BETHEL HEIGHTS, SOUTHEAST BLOCK

AVA: EOLA-AMITY HILLS

Winemaker: BEN CASTEEL

Harvest Date: 09/22/2015 Bottling Date: 03/01/2017 Alcohol: 13.5%

Wine Description

Why would you ever take your favorite barrel in the cellar and blend it with something else? One of the many reasons we love this auction is that it allows us to save our favorite barrel from that fate. From the 2015 vintage, the favorite barrel was one of twelve harvested from our legendary Southeast Block, a six-acre section of own-rooted Pommard selection Pinot noir planted in 1979. For 25 years it has given us sought-after block-designated wines, always with a firm backbone, robust savory fruit, and a purity that is unique to this place.

Winery Information

Bethel Heights was established in 1977 by Ted and Terry Casteel and their partners Pat Dudley and Marilyn Webb. In 2006, Ben Casteel took the helm as second-generation winemaker. The original 50 acres of own-rooted Pinot noir and Chardonnay vines planted in the 70's continue to provide the backbone of Bethel Heights estate grown wines. Gnarly old vines, geologically complex hillside soils, and direct impact from Æolian winds - all conspire to create highly energized wines with depth of character and distinctive personalities.