

2017

WINE ADVOCATE'S EXTRAORDINARY WINERY

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The grapes and ensuing wines from the unique Jacob-Hart

Estate Vineyard offer a wealth of complexity derived from

Biodynamically-farmed vines, a purposefully curated

field blend of clones and 13 different soil types checkered

throughout the vineyard's 36 acres.

PREVIOUS VINTAGE



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## 2016 Jacob-Hart Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

APPELATION: Chehalem Mountains

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATA: September 6th - 27th, 2016

VINEYARD SOURCES: 100% Jacob-Hart Estate Vineyard

CELLAR TREATMENT: French oak, aged 11 months, 41% new oak

DATE BOTTLED: September 7th, 2017

PRODUCTION: 402 cases (12/750 ml)

BOTTLING CHEMISTRY: pH 3.59, TA 5.8 g/l, alcohol 14.1%

## TASTING NOTES:

The 2016 REX HILL Jacob-Hart Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir opens with a complex nose of red and black fruits (raspberry, blackberry, cassis, plum), classic Jacob-Hart floral notes of violets and rose petals, pomegranate, sassafras, sandalwood, fresh earth, charred herbs (marjoram, bay leaf), toast, and nougat. On the palate, the tannins are plush and pillowy rather than big and blocky. The full, concentrated, rich mouthfeel has firm acidity and compelling flavors of cocoa, honeycomb, cherry essence, ruby port, and boysenberry. Elegant yet structured, this wine is well deserving of its place at the top of REX HILL's single vineyard offerings. Drink now through 2030.

## 2016 VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2016 vintage was one of contrasts. Spring saw record warm temperatures push budbreak and flower earlier than ever. This heat interspaced with rain led to very fast growth and heightened mildew pressure, but 100 degree days gave way to temperatures through the summer slowing growth and ripening. Veraison was almost three weeks in some vineyards leading to a long and stretched out harvest. A short heat wave before picking pushed some vineyards to ripen and we had to work quickly to bring the fruit in before it became overripe. All in all, we saw beautiful weather, a little lower yields than projected and tremendous clean, concentrated and fully ripened fruit.