



# REX HILL

*2017 Willamette Valley  
Pinot Noir*

**92 PTS**

*James Suckling*

6/19/2019

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*Greater complexity results  
from sourcing grapes from every  
Willamette Valley sub AVA*

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2017 WINE ADVOCATE'S  
EXTRAORDINARY WINERY  
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**AMERICAS**



APPELLATION: *Willamette Valley*  
VARIETAL COMPOSITION: *100% Pinot Noir*  
HARVEST DATA: *Sept. 28th - Oct 15th, 2017*  
VINEYARD SOURCES: *8% Jacob Hart, 8% Sims, 8% Au,  
7% Two Mules, 7% Pearl, 5% La Colina,  
5% Shea, 3% REX HILL, 3% Sunny Mountain,  
3% Alloro, 2% Three Trees & 1% various other  
WV vineyards*  
CELLAR TREATMENT: *French Oak, aged 10 months, 24% New Oak*  
DATE BOTTLED: *Aug 29th - Sept 5th, 2018*  
PRODUCTION: *6,212 cases (12/ 750 ml)*  
BOTTLING CHEMISTRY: *pH 3.6, TA 3.8 g/L, Alcohol 13.5%*

#### TASTING NOTES:

The 2017 REX HILL Willamette Valley Pinot Noir greets with scents of rich, dark berries, pomegranate, rhubarb, caramel, mulling spices, and tobacco with secondary hints of balsa wood, flint, slate and graphite. The palate is expansive and energetic with moderate tannins, balanced acidity and integrated, approachable oak. The wine is true to the Willamette Valley's cooler climate fruit and promises age worthiness.

#### 2017 VINTAGE NOTES:

A cool, wet spring led to the latest budbreak we've seen for the past several years, and hence later flowering. This means a greater chance of favorable weather and the development of a large crop both in terms of berry quantity and size. This calls for discipline in fruit-thinning. The summer was warm and sunny, accumulating growing degree days and 'catching up' the projected harvest to about two weeks behind 2015 and 2016. Underlying the challenges of the 2017 vintage, was a very sound growing season and harvest.

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