Arterberry Maresh Pinot Noir Old Vine

A new Pinot Noir starting with the 2016 vintage, Jim blends old vine Pinot Noir fruit from Maresh and other Dundee Hills vineyards.

An immediate hit with customers and reviewers, the wine shows the character and complexity of Pinot Noir made from 40+ year old grapevines.

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2018 PINOT NOIR

DUNDEE HILLS, WILLAMETTE VALLEY

2017 vintage

The 2017 Old Vines is a blend of Maresh and Weber fruit. Maresh vineyard was the first to be planted on Worden Hill road followed by Weber in 1974. The 2017 vintage is a change of pace from the last three years of early picks in the heat. A cold spring pushed picking dates into a classic Oregon October allowing flavors to run far ahead of sugars. The 17 Old Vines is ultra complex balancing waves of electric red fruit with a savory polish. The chemistry numbers look very much like the 16s however the fruit is redder and brighter with less tannins which gives the wine more length and succulence. Bottled in December.

100% Dundee Hills AVA. Vines planted in 1970-1983. Average age of vine in this bottling – 43 years. Aged 14 months in barrel, 8% new. 12.8% alc. Drink from 2021-2018.

2016 vintage

Wine Advocate Rating 96 points Release Price \$45 Drink Date 2018 – 2030 Reviewed by Erin Brooks Issue Date 31st Aug 2018

This is the first non-vineyard designate made by Jim Maresh. Pale to medium ruby in color, the 2016 Pinot Noir Old Vines has a lovely pure nose of pink peppercorn, dried black tea leaves, red and black licorice and violets with dried cranberries, red cherries and layers and layers of spice. Medium to full-bodied, it has amazing concentration of flavor in the mouth, blossoming out to pure red fruits and spicy layers, with cinnamon and autumn leaves accents, very fine-grained tannins and juicy acidity, finishing very, very long with tons of earth-laced fruit. Wow! 1,040 cases produced.

Vinous Rating 95 points Bright red. A highly perfumed bouquet displays mineral-laced red berry and floral aromas that are complicated by suggestions of exotic spices, incense and savory herbs. Stains the palate with energetic raspberry preserve, blood orange, rose pastille and spicecake flavors that become sweeter and deeper. Shows superb energy, sharp delineation and solid, mineral thrust on the extremely long finish, which is framed by silky, slow-building tannins.

Burghound Rating 93 points & Outstanding

Interestingly, this is aromatically almost a blend of the first two wines with its elegant mix of various red berries, plum and briar scents. I very much like the texture of the medium weight flavors where the fine density of material is immediately apparent as it serves to partially buffer the equally firm structure supporting the beautifully long finale. This is excellent and worth checking out though again, at least some patience strongly advised.

Wine Spectator Rating 95 points

Impressive for the impeccable elegance and balance, and buoyed by a complex core, this offers vibrant rose petal and raspberry aromas and flavors of cherry, stony mineral and savory dried herb that unfurl toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2026.