

# Domaine Loubejac

## 2014 PINOT NOIR

### 2014 Vintage Summary

The 2014 vintage has the richness and power of 2012 but the restraint and balance of the classic 2013 vintage. Fresher and more balanced than 2009, and every bit as powerful, this vintage of a lifetime may be Oregon's best harvest to date. From bud-break throughout harvest, growers and winemakers statewide experienced almost ideal growing conditions that delivered a record amount of exceptional, balanced fruit.

While the 2013-2014 winter may have started out as cold and wet followed by a wet and warm spring, the hot and dry summer allowed for an ideal, if not early, harvest. These seasonal characteristics led to bud-break, bloom and harvest all occurring close to two weeks earlier than usual. Despite the early progression, the warm temperatures - along with minimal issues due to rain, disease and birds - lead to even cluster development and a beautiful balance between sugar levels and structure in the berries. This resulted in deeply concentrated wines with luscious dark fruit flavor profiles. Warmer vintages may have the potential for high sugar and pH levels that produce wines that are stylistically different in both regional and varietal character. However, it is safe to say that 2014 may be one of the finest and most harmonious vintages in the history of Willamette Valley.

### Vinification

The fruit came from Domaine Loubejac Estate Vineyard which is primarily sedimentary and Missoula flood soil, giving this wine added complexity and style. The fruit underwent a two-day soak prior to fermentation for a total of 19 days of skin contact. 100% malolactic fermentation occurred over a five month period. The wine was aged for eight months in French oak barrels from a variety of coopers.

Harvest Date: September 13, 2014

Brix: 23.6

pH: 3.59

Alc: 13.8%

TA: 5.6 g/L

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The 2014 Domaine Loubejac Willamette Valley is a vibrant and beautifully integrated Pinot Noir with notes of raspberry, strawberry and finishes with subtle notes of cloves, tobacco, and vanilla.



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