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WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL: 13.75% PH: 3.61

THESIS: Ever so right

A STORY: For years I've been looking for a better descriptor than what comes to mind when I smell the finest Pinot noirs and the best Burgundies. Maybe "sweet road apples" or "processed barn hay" would suffice. I do get the dilemma, the impolite, and that it is not right, and yet... "*kind baby diaper*" is what comes to the fore. I'm looking for polite suggestions. I'm looking into hypnosis. Forgive me my sins.

THE CLIFF NOTES: The color is unfussy, red. The nose is...wait for it...*kind baby diaper*, sweet graham, perfectly ripe peach, slight blond spice and black pepper. I am transported. The palate is super nice, full ripe cherry, brown sugar, an easy sweet and sour, slightly perfumed, slightly ferric (iron). There is no plodding here. It's the beauty of movement in long drawn out star bursts.

THE BUILDING OF: Six- to eight-barrel-lot, wild-yeast fermentations in stainless steel, 100% barrel aged for 18 months in French oak (one new, one once-filled, one twice-filled, four older). Bottled unfinned and unfiltered in March 2017.

AGEABILITY: We absolutely recommend that you consider decanting to get it some air within its first three years. This wine should easily climb in complexity beyond a dozen years.

VINEYARDS: **Temperance Hill's** (36-year-old) later and cooler high-elevation vines (from the own-rooted Front Block), at the top of the Eola Hills AVA, deliver old vine complexity with fresh acidity.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker

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