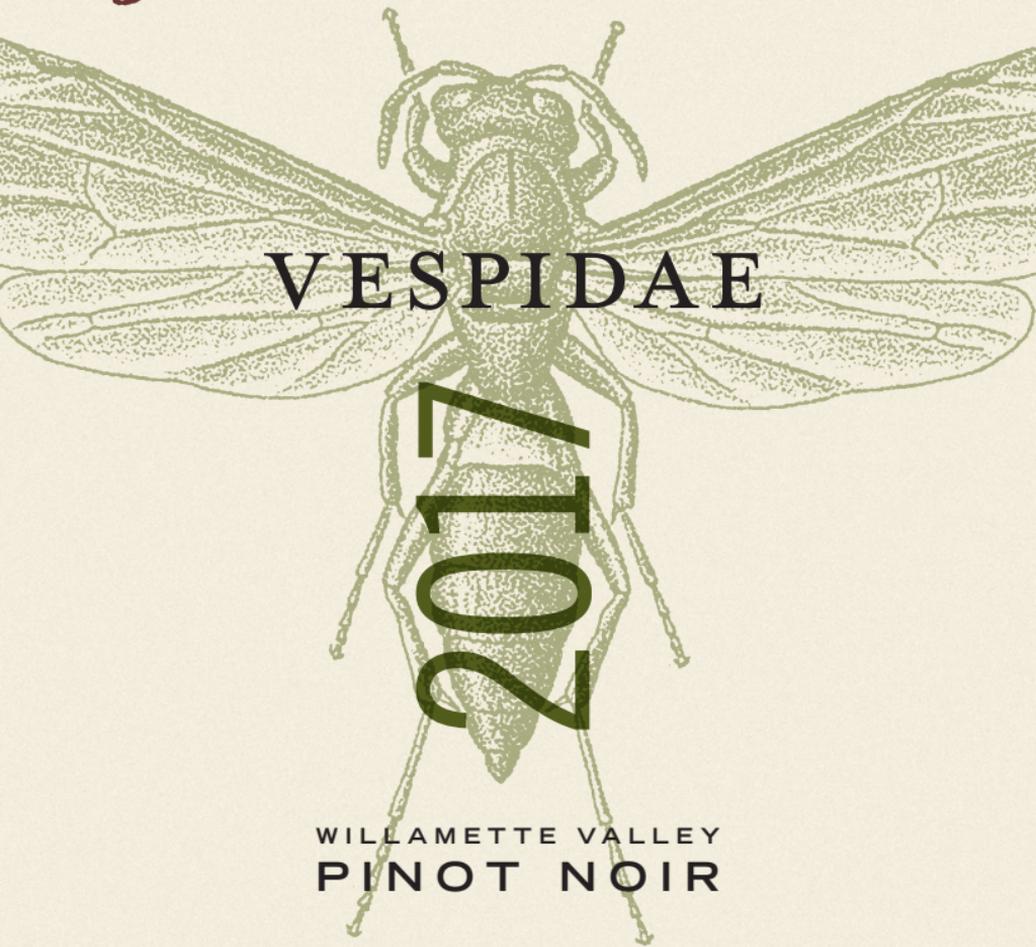


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ALCOHOL: 13.75% PH: 3.53

**THESIS:** If deep red Hibiscus were a flavor

**THE CLIFF NOTES:** The color is high tone garnet. The nose is super effusive cherry, hibiscus, grilled meat, tan spice and cracked pepper. The flavors are massive, and present as a cherry and peach pie with a one-minute too brown crust. The structure is quietly lurking, but unobtrusive. Ultimately it's a powerful mouthful that begs the question drinkable, eatable or slurpable? Get a fork or, perhaps, a soup spoon.

**THE VINTAGE:** The 2017 growing year was reasonably warm, though not really hot, with a record number of days in the 90s, and very few 100s. Ripeness with good acid was the reward for those who made relatively early picking decisions.

**THE BUILDING OF:** Six- to eight-barrel-lot, wild-yeast fermentations in stainless steel, 100% barrel aged for 17 months: 27% new, 16% one year, 16% two year, 41% three year or older. Bottled unfined and unfiltered in March 2019.

**AGEABILITY:** We absolutely recommend decanting to get it some air within its first three years. Maybe cool it just a couple degrees as well. This wine should easily climb in complexity beyond ten years.

**VINEYARDS:** This is our flagship bottling representing two great vineyards. The typicity of our St. Dolores Estate (9 years) is that it presents as two sides of a not-often-seen coin, both structured and juicy. Temperance Hill (38 years) saunters in with hard-to-deny old-vine complexity and crazy beautiful acid.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker