



## WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

### 2018 PINOT MEUNIER

YAMHILL-CARLTON | ESTATE GROWN

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

#### VINEYARD SOURCING

WillaKenzie Estate is one of a small handful of estates in Oregon to grow this variety, which is named for the way the grapevine's unique white-tipped leaves resemble the flour-dusted hands of a miller or "meunier" in French. Our estate-grown Pinot Meunier delivers aromas of red berries, violet and blood orange.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

In 2018, warm springtime temperatures led to early bud break and flowering periods in the spring and summer. The final stages of the growing season were exceptionally dry leading to intense flavor development.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested and sorted by hand on September 25th, 2018. The grapes were fermented on their skins for approximately two and a half weeks with daily punch downs before being transferred to French oak barrels. 🌿

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

PH: 3.67 TA: 5.1 g/L

#### ÉLEVAGE

8 months in 25% new French oak

#### COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Meunier

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE Certified
- Salmon-Safe

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine loaded with red fruited characters of strawberry and cherry along with a subtle hint of autumn leaves. Those flavors carry through to a balanced palate that is texturally supple with soft tannins and pleasant longevity.

#### PRODUCTION

400 cases