



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

2017 GAMAY NOIR

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 we have crafted at our estate since 1993. Our Gamay Noir is a rustic, light-bodied wine and a true reflection of the estate and the varietal in its flavor intensity and structure.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season started with seasonal bud break and flowering periods occurring in the early spring and early summer. Total heat accumulation was close to the 30-year regional average for the Willamette Valley and the vintage conditions helped to create wines in a classic Willamette Valley style.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested by hand from select parcels on the WillaKenzie Estate on October 8, 2017. The grapes were fully destemmed, cold-soaked, and fermented in stainless steel tanks. 🌿

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

PH: 3.48 TA: 6.3 g/L

ÉLEVAGE

11 months French oak (20% new)

SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE Certified
- Salmon-Safe

TASTING NOTES

Notes of black cherry, lilac, and an array of exotic spices carry through to a flavorful, energetic, and lively palate.