



## SLOPE

v. 2018

96 POINTS Tim Fish, *Wine Spectator*, October 2021

528 cases produced

At the Slope, the Zena Crown Vineyard shifts to face primarily south, encouraging perfect ripeness and maximum phenolic development. Symbolizing a dark winter's night, Slope exhibits aromas of blueberry cobbler, wet concrete, lavender, and root beer with flavors of braised meat, rose petal, and rhubarb. The wine has incredible polish with good tannin that is backed by fresh acidity. A Pinot that reminds Winemaker, Shane Moore, of flying first class to Europe, happily, enthusiastically, and unashamedly listening to and singing along with cliché music.

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|-------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| BLOCKS      | ZE5, ZW6                                    | CLONE      | 667          | DIRECTION    | S, SW          |
| SOIL        | Jory, Witzel, Helmick                       | VINE AGE   | 13 years     | ELEVATION    | 450-600 ft     |
| ROOTSTOCK   | Riparia Gloire                              | TRELLISING | VSP          | HARVEST DATE | 9.29-10.3 2018 |
| BRIX        | 24-25                                       | ALCOHOL    | 14.2% by vol | PH           | 3.51           |
| AGED        | 15 months French oak, 53% new; M Toast      |            |              | TA           | 0.54 g/100 mL  |
| DESCRIPTORS | Enthusiastic, Luxurious, Lively & Spherical |            |              |              |                |