



## 2006 Black Family Estate Pinot Noir

ESTATE GROWN IN THE DUNDEE HILLS

**Vineyard source:** Black Family Estate, Dundee Hills AVA, Oregon

Aged in barrel for 13 months (100% new oak), and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered for optimum expression, this wine epitomizes the elegance, finesse and structure of benchmark Dundee Hills Pinot Noir.

The focused palate of dense ripe red fruits such as marionberries and Bing cherries is enhanced by aromas of black plum and cedar. Hints of rhubarb, peppercorn and savory spices are softened by a charming French vanilla component suggested by the oak, adding complexity. The mouth feel is silky and vibrant, leading to refined tannins with the red fruit flavors returning at the long finish.

The fruit for the Black Family Estate Pinot Noir was sourced predominantly from a ¼ acre block of Dijon Clone 115, planted in 1994 at 550' elevation. Hand picked at optimal ripeness and flavor profile, the grapes were then chilled overnight to 50° F prior to careful sorting. Select proprietary yeasts enhanced fermentation in small stainless tanks and the young wine underwent daily punchdowns in open top fermentors true to Burgundian tradition. Gentle gravity flow pressure was used to move the wine into barrel, and again at bottling.

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Cases produced:** 400, six-bottle packs



*Sustainable viticulture, low yields, exquisite wines*

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