

Luminous Hills

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2015

Fanciful Name: Estate Grown

ASTRA

Region/AVA: Willamette Valley

Yamhill-Carlton

State Of Origin: Oregon

ABV: 14.2%

Bottle Size: 750 ml

Bottles Per Case: 12

Closure Type: Cork

WINE STORY:

Even warmer than the year prior, 2015 was a new warmest vintage on record, but surprisingly one with characteristics that, counter to the relatively high temperatures, provided qualities for depth, richness, complexity and balance rarely seen in any vintage. Those characteristics included an early start, a generous crop (carrying more fruit slowed down sugar development and acid depletion). The 2015 Astra is drawn from six barrels in the northeastern blocks at Luminous Hills, and from equal parts of the 667 and 115 clones. The predominantly morning sun influence of these blocks deliver more ethereal nuanced qualities, with dark tone underpinnings, spice and structure from the 115 clone planted on the lower elevation sedimentary soil. Dramatic aromatics are the signature of the Astra each year that it is made. 16.7% whole cluster fermented and Barrel aged in all French cooperage.

SCORES AND ACCOLADES:

92 points - Vinous

