

H A R T F O R D COURT

## WARRIOR PRINCESS BLOCK

Zena Crown Vineyard • Oregon Pinot Noir

2014

## VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 2014 Warrior Princess Pinot Noir is our first release from the Willamette Valley and is sourced from Oregon's renowned Zena Crown Vineyard, which is situated near the Oregon ghost town of Zena, in the hills between Eola and Amity, Oregon. Our blocks are planted to several clones, including Pommard, Dijon 667 and 777.

The soils are predominantly basalt-based Jory series, which is volcanic in origin, mixed with marine sedimentary rocks and alluvial material. This soil tends to produce wines characterized by high tone blue and black fruits, with earth, allspice and tea components both in aroma and flavor. The wines have a firm tannin structure with density and weight.

The wines retain good acidity because of the influence of the Van Duzer corridor, which allows cool afternoon breezes to reach the Eola-Amity hills from the Pacific Ocean. We are excited to add this new release to our diverse lineup of Designated Vineyard wines.

## TASTING NOTES

The wine has a deep ruby hue with complex aromas of Chinese five spice, sandalwood and dried rose petal; the framework of the wine's aromatic profile is dark blueberry and blackberry. Focused aromatics are followed by complex flavors of fresh cherry, berry liqueur, violet pastille, allspice, and juniper. Fine grain tannins shape the persistent, spiced finish.

## WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 32% new
Time in oak:	16 months
Yeast:	Uninoculated
Alcohol:	14.6%
TA:	5.6 g/L
pH:	3.61
Cases produced:	368

