

Brittan Vineyards

2015 CYGNUS BLOCK PINOT NOIR

Winemaker Robert Brittan, a wine industry veteran with over 40 harvest under his belt, has always had a passion for Pinot noir; a love affair that began in the 80's when he made several vintages under his Britt Hill label with fruit from Carneros. In 2004, Robert decided to leave Stags' Leap Winery in Napa and start a Pinot noir project in the cool climate of the North Willamette Valley.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Brittan Vineyard lies just 12 miles southwest of McMinnville, tucked into the foothills of the Coastal Range. The original 18 acres were planted in 2001, but due to the challenging nature of this site and limited topsoil, only eight acres survived. Since 2004 when Robert and Ellen purchased the vineyard, it has been an ongoing rehabilitation project: replanting, retraining, and learning the unique landscape that has become Brittan Vineyard.

VINTAGE NOTES

2015 started out moderate, then showed some heat in mid-summer, followed by a relatively cooler fall. This allowed for good fruit maturity without high alcohol, resulting in wines that are elegant and nuanced. They are sure to gratify the palate now, as well as in the years to come.

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Cygnus Block Pinot noir is the third vintage from the "engagement ring" block. The 2015 Cygnus showcases delicate aromas of warm spice and red fruits. The rich palate rolls with bright cranberry and pie cherry and dark tones of blueberry. The finish is persistent and elegant alluding to a long and graceful aging period.

AVA: McMinnville

VINEYARD: Brittan Vineyard

CASES PRODUCED: 240 cases

SELECTIONS: Swan

ELEVAGE: 12 months, 20% new French oak

DATE BOTTLED: December 2016

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

SRP: \$65/ 750 mL

