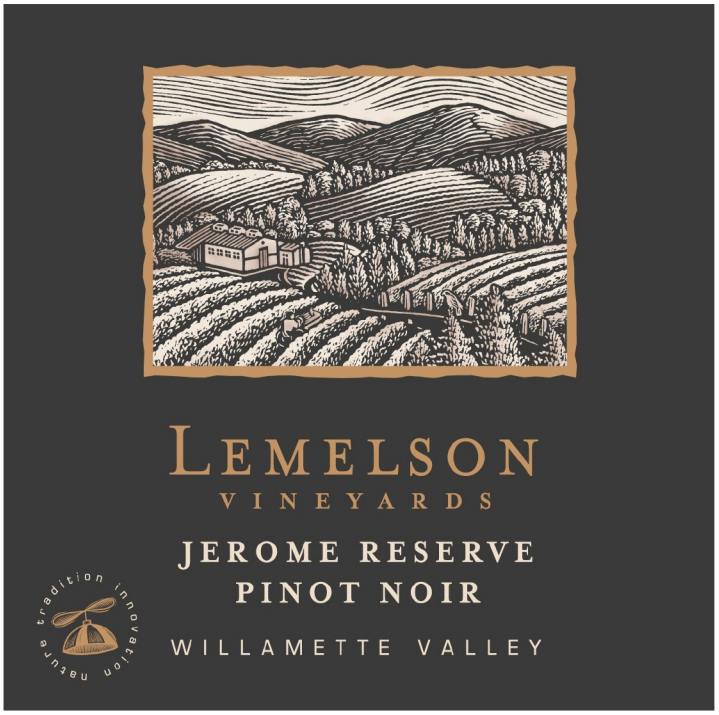
2014 JEROME RESERVE
PINOT NOIR
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Release Date: January 1, 2017
Case Pack: 6/750 ml



VINIFICATION DETAILS:

PINOT NOIR CLONES:	42% Wadenswil 30% Pommard 28% Dijon 777
HARVEST DATES:	September 18th & 23rd, 2014
GRAPE YIELD:	1.9 tons per acre
QUANTITY PRODUCED:	1,001 cases of 6/750mL
DATE BOTTLED:	May 5, 2016
FERMENTATION NOTES:	mostly destemmed fruit with a high proportion of whole berries and 15% whole cluster
ALCOHOL:	14.2% alc./vol.
ELEVAGE (AGING):	16 months in 47% new and 53% used French oak barrels
VINEYARD SOURCE:	71% Stermer Vineyard 29% Meyer Vineyard
YEASTS:	Indigenous
AVA:	Willamette Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Blending elements from the best of our seven certified organic estate vineyards, Jerome Reserve is intended to be our most balanced, expressive and age-worthy Pinot noir. The core of the 2014 Jerome is Stermer Vineyard fruit that tends to be well structured, spicy and later ripening. The blend is rounded out by earlier ripening fruit from Meyer Vineyard which is more red fruited and acid driven. Through combining wines from our best earliest and latest picked vineyards, beautiful balance and finesse is achieved. The wine is bright with big cherry and red currant aromas and has nuances of anise, cinnamon and black pepper. There is also amazing concentration and structure leading into a long, juicy finish. This wine is sure to evolve gorgeously for the next decade or more in bottle.

VINTAGE NOTES:

As measured in heat units, the 2014 growing season is the warmest to date in the northern Willamette Valley. Flowering occurred two weeks early, in early June, foretelling an early harvest. The season progressed with warmer than usual nights and moderately warmer daytime highs, allowing for even ripening across all of our sites. Harvest of impeccably pristine fruit began in mid-September and wrapped up with Riesling a month later. Overall, the 2014 vintage represents a cornucopia of expressive, concentrated, balanced Pinot noirs and, due to picking for freshness rather than flavor, surprisingly excellent, vibrant white wines.