



ADELSHEIM BREAKING GROUND PINOT NOIR 2014

Appellation: Chehalem Mountains; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Dave Paige

Closure: Cork

Alcohol: 13.5%



Wine

2014 Chehalem Mountains Pinot noir, Breaking Ground, celebrates Adelsheim's pioneering spirit, deep roots in the Oregon wine community, and a keen understanding of the growing area's unique characteristics..

Adelsheim purchased its first vineyard property in the Chehalem Mountains in 1971; by 1978 was the first winery established in the area. Today, their commitment to this viticultural area includes 183 acres of estate vineyards and a world-class winemaking facility. This Pinot noir is wine made entirely from LIVE-certified, Chehalem Mountains grown fruit: 88% from estate vineyards and 12% from long-standing grower partners. It contains fruit from all three major soil types found in the Chehalem Mountains: Marine Sedimentary, Volcanic Basalt and Windblown Loess. Breaking Ground embodies Adelsheim's signature style, reflecting the elegance of Willamette Valley Pinot noir.

Tasting Notes

Breaking Ground offers aromas of roasted spices, black raspberries, lilacs, dark loam, and bramble. Flavor follows with notes of cocoa nibs, toasted anise seed and black cherry. Textures are rich and silky, with supple acidity. This wine has a lingering finish.

Reviews

Focused, bright and sleek, with juicy blackberry, currant and black tea flavors set on a lively frame. Nubby tannins rub against the finish as this sails on with presence. Best from 2017 through 2023. **91 points Wine Spectator, Nov 15, 2016**

Vintage

The 2014 vintage has been called a "vintage of a lifetime." From bud break through harvest, it was an almost ideal growing season that delivered a record quantity of exceptional, balanced fruit. Early April temperatures were warm and prompted early bud break on April 9; bloom began on June 10. With the exception of rain in June, the growing season was virtually void of rainfall until late September. Veraison first appeared on July 30 and by August 25 berries were in full color. Harvest started early, on September 9, and maintained a fast pace until the final grapes were picked on September 28.

