



2016 ASHA PINOT NOIR

BIODYNAMICS

At Maysara Winery and Momtazi Vineyard, we are committed to capturing the true expression of our land and conveying it to you through the premium quality found in every bottle. We practice low-impact, holistic farming methods in our Demeter certified Biodynamic® vineyard and carry this philosophy into the cellar, where our Biodynamic® winemaking practices produce wines with intensity and elegance while maintaining natural harmony between fruit and earth.

OLD WORLD WINEMAKING

The Momtazis believe in holding vintages until the wine is fully evolved, rather than releasing chronologically. Each vintage is unique and should mature on its own timeline.

SOURCE

Estate Pinot Noir from Momtazi Vineyard; Dijon (113, 114, 667), Pommard

WINEMAKING

*Native yeast fermentation and malolactic
Aged 23 months in French oak barrels, 35% new
Crossflow filtration, no fining
Racked twice before bottling*

HARVEST

8 September-28 September 2016

BOTTLING

20 August 2018

PRODUCTION

580 cases

ALCOHOL

13.9%



STORY OF ASHA

Asha is an ancient Persian word describing one who has a clean conscience for good thoughts, words, and deeds with a pure demeanor and performance.

VINTAGE

After an unusually warm winter, a similar growing season followed that brought bud break late in the month of March versus our vineyards normal bud break period of late April. Flowering happened quickly and the consistent summer heat led to the first grapes being picked on September 8th—Maysara's earliest harvest pick date on record. The 2016 wines captured tantalizing fruits and bold structure characteristic of a consistently warm growing season in the McMinnville AVA.

TASTING NOTES

A gorgeously balanced symphony of luscious baked sour cherries, orange zest, clove, and campfire leap from the glass, making it impossible not to dive in. Pretty floral character persists, leading you to the depths of crushed gravel and earth. Bright, juicy acidity buoys the palate, with a finish that sails on and on.

CURRENT SCORE

96 | *Paul Gregutt*

PAST ACCOLADES

92 | *2015 Wine Enthusiast and Wine & Spirits*
16.5 | *2015 Jancis Robinson*