



2016 CYRUS 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 (667, 777, 113, 114), Pommard

WINEMAKING

*Native yeast fermentation and malolactic
Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 25% new
Racked twice before bottling
Filtered, no fining*

HARVEST

12-27 September 2016

BOTTLING

18 April 2018

PRODUCTION

1,253 cases

ALCOHOL

13.9%



STORY OF CYRUS

King Cyrus the Great was instrumented in planting extensive vineyards and producing wine throughout his territory. Cyrus supplied his troops with wine rations for strength; however, he allowed some food and wine to be captured by the enemy. Once his enemies became intoxicated, Cyrus' army attacked and defeated them.

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

Elegant and playful, Cyrus opens the door with cranberry and red plum skin, followed by a lush black cherry note, inviting you in. Fresh soil and wet slate point to the garden out back, while a hint of black tea and spice begs for the warmth of company to stay for a while.

CURRENT SCORE

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