



2016 'Wings of Desire' Field Blend Willamette Valley

110 Cases Produced

Vineyard Composition

100% Cuddihy Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton

Varietals

Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc,
Merlot, Pinot Blanc, Semillon, Chardonnay,
Helena (non-vinifera), Muscat

Chemistry

12% Alcohol
5.1 g/L Titratable Acidity
3.38 pH
IRF Scale: Dry

Vineyard Notes

Reflecting his pioneering spirit, Richard Cuddihy planted his 1971 Yamhill-Carlton vineyard to multiple varietals of wine grapes to see what suited his land best. Some of these experimental rows remain to this day and are captured together for the first time in this limited bottling. That Richard did not live to taste the wine makes this dry wine is bittersweet. However, his daughter has decided to continue his hardscrabble grape growing legacy.

Production Notes

The grapes were picked all together in the second week of October, 2016. At the winery, they were pressed gently in a small basket press, and that juice went directly into a twice-filled puncheon and a couple of smaller barrels. Fermentation commenced without the addition of yeasts in our cold room. Three months later, primary fermentation concluded and the barrel was moved into the cellar space to allow malolactic fermentation to proceed. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered in May of 2017.