

# LAVINEA

*Single Vineyard Wines*

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## 2017 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 season began with a normal Spring, and budburst followed the typical long-term average for the region in the third week of April. May and June clement weather allowed for stress free and steady growth, while bloom in the third week of June occurred under glorious conditions which promoted good set throughout and a plentiful harvest to be expected. The temperatures from bloom onwards through July and August were normal, with typical Willamette Valley morning clouds that dissipate through mid-day. Harvest started following long term trends in the third week of September, under beautiful autumn weather.

Things went back to normal with the 2017 growing season overall, or at least what our fellow winemakers that have lived in the Willamette Valley for several decades taught me to view as a normal vintage. This means a great set of conditions we feel truly shapes wonderful cool climate Oregon wines. The 2017 are balanced wines, with finely textured tannins supported by leaner structure that carry the palate in elegance, and length. These have the potential to age beautifully in a more restrained style. They show delicate floral character supported by fresh red fruit aromas on a refined frame, with a polished finish. While 2017 is approachable young, they have great tension and will continue to refine themselves over the course of a few years in bottle and truly show their amazing complexity.

Ultimately, we picked our vineyards almost a full month later than in 2016, from September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup> under great sunshine and cool temperatures. We suspect the classic 2017 vintage will appeal to most enophile with its freshness, elegance, fruitfulness and acid balance in the resulting wines. Enjoy!