



2016 FLOOD LINE PINOT NOIR

The 2016 Flood Line is from the Valin-Morrissey vineyard, which consists of two blocks — lower (Valin) and upper (Morrissey). Originally a land lease, Rex Hill Vineyards paid to develop this property. Years later when they started cutting away properties, Valin-Morrissey was the last on the chopping block. We thought it was crazy to let such an incredible site go and pounced on it, farming it collaboratively and sustainably. Yields wines of classic Eola-Amity Hills character: cola, tobacco, cherries and cardamom all day long.



VINEYARD

VITICULTURAL AREA

Eola-Amity Hills AVA

GROWER/OWNER

Owned by Jeff Valin, farmed by Rob Clarke

SOIL TYPE

Jory

CLONE SELECTION

113/114/115/777

VINE AGE

Planted in 2004

VINEYARD SIZE

Total of seven acres, Averaen contracts the entire vineyard

ASPECT/ELEVATION

Southeast facing at 600' elevation

WINEMAKING

WINEMAKER

Adam Smith

VARIETIES

100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST

September 21st

FERMENTATION

Native yeast fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel with 30% stem inclusion

AGING

12 months in French oak - 40% new, 20% second use, 40% neutral

BARRELS

François Frères, Rousseau & Remond barrels (228L)

ALC 14.1%

pH 3.66

TA 6.23

PRODUCTION 14 barrels

UPC 853868006529

PRESS

91 POINTS - VINOUS

"Aromas of ripe red berries and cherry, along with subtle cola and licorice nuances. Sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering bitter cherry and raspberry flavors that flesh out on the back half. A smoky note emerges on the clinging finish, which features fine-grained tannins and suave red fruit preserve and mocha qualities." — Josh Reynolds