

# Domaine Roy & fils Iron Filbert Pinot Noir\Willamette Valley 2016



## STORY

Marc-André Roy and winemaker Jared Etzel established Domaine Roy & fils in 2012 to celebrate their heritage and continue the winemaking legacy of their fathers, who founded Beaux Frères Winery in 1991.

## MISSION

Domaine Roy & fils aspires to produce timeless wines through meticulous stewardship of the land, a minimalist winemaking approach and a commitment to organic farming. Domaine Roy & fils wines exhibit an uncompromised purity and transparency that allows for a full expression of vintage and terroir.

**TASTING NOTES** The 2016 Iron Filbert Vineyard is a selection of our finest 16 barrels from this vintage. It shows the vibrancy of taut red and blue fruit that is true to the Dundee Hills AVA, accompanied by a *floral cocktail* of violet, red rose and peony. The fruit aromas are of red tone, with pomegranate and cranberry. A faint alder wood spice note is also present. The palate has the incredible profile of being delicate, deep, and persistent with flavors of iron minerality and ripe red fruits. Prime drinking window over the next 10+ years.

## SOURCING

Sourced from our Iron Filbert Vineyard in Dundee Hills AVA

## TECHNICALITIES

14% Alc. \ pH 3.85 \ TA 4.8g/L  
400 cases produced

## ACCOLADES

Purely Domestic Wine Report 96 points

*Supple, open-textured, ripe and graceful, rolling out plum, currant, wet earth and spice flavors with finesse. Lingers pleasantly. The nose is wild cherry and spice with hints of licorice, caramel, piecrust and blackberry. The palate is a lush polished blackberry, floral lilac and deep shadings of red fruits and well-integrated acidity.* – Doug Wilder

## GROWING SEASON

The vintage is a hypothetical chimera of the 2013 and 2015 seasons; it started warm and early similar to 2013 whilst nearing the cumulative heat of 2015. It ranks as the 3<sup>rd</sup> warmest vintage in the past 10 years. 25% more precipitation than average was recorded, but the rainfalls were ideally timed throughout. These climate conditions made for vines with plenty of vigor and an early *véraison*. The 2016 vintage produced spectacular ripe, round, fruit driven, and balanced wines. Harvest started on August 24th and continued into the first week of September. Our small vineyard had 10 individual picks to ensure complexity and optimal ripeness.