



# BJÖRNSON VINEYARD

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**Appellation:** Eola-Amity Hills AVA  
Willamette Valley, Oregon

**Vineyard:** Fruit was sourced primarily from Kaitlyn & Claire's blocks of our 28-acre vineyard, that is situated on a primarily southwest aspect ranging from 450' - 550' elevation, with rocky Nekia volcanic soil.

**Pinot Noir Clones in This Blend:**  
Hunter, Kaitlyn: 115-28%,  
Kaitlyn Kristjan: 777-36%,  
Claire: 667-18%, Field Blend-18%

**Date Picked:**  
September 15-19, 2015

**Vinification:** The fruit was destemmed before a five-day cold soak. At the onset of active fermentation, the fermenters were punched down once or twice/day until dry. The must was drained, pressed, settled and racked to French oak barrels.

**Bottled:** December 15, 2016, after fourteen months in French oak. 150 cases produced, 33% new oak barrels.

**Finished Wine:**  
Alc.14.2 %, pH 3.62, TA 5.3 g/L

Bjornson Vineyard is part of a scenic 107-acre farm, located in the heart of Oregon's Eola-Amity Hills. The vineyard is situated on volcanic soils and planted with 28 acres of wine grapes. Our mission: Care for the Land, Make Exceptional Wine, and Enjoy Life's Journey is reflected in everything we do. We are committed to generating renewable energy, farming sustainably, and making wine with minimal handling.

The 2015 Vintage was characterized by early budbreak, early bloom, and plenty of sunshine. Fortunately, the weather cooled in September, allowing the fruit "extra hang time" to achieve phenological ripeness.

Reflecting the softer side of the Bjornson Vineyard, this barrel selection expresses a sensual, gracefulness framed by a hearty, enduring fabric of velvety tannins. An elegant, feminine wine - but not a pushover.

This barrel selection honors Mark's grandmother Isabel, who homesteaded on the plains of North Dakota, was a school teacher, renowned cook, and award-winning pie maker. The proceeds from her three-acre vegetable garden saved the family farm during the Great Depression and paid college tuition for Mark's mother and uncle.



Isabel and her sister Margaret Duffey

