

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

FRENCH SOUL ~ OREGON SOIL

Dear Friends –

This shipment brings you the 2017 Pinot Noir Cuvée Louise, which is named for Véronique's youngest child. Since the first vintage in 1999, this cuvée has been a representation of the most exceptional qualities found on our Dundee Hills Estate. And, each year, we aim to take our quest for perfection one step further. The 2017 vintage gave our 19th cuvée beautifully balanced flavors, elegant tannins, and incredible depth. It's one that certainly delights the senses, promising extraordinary cellaring potential. We hope you will enjoy this wine for many years to come!

As spring and summer approach, we are excitedly preparing for a few festive events at the winery, and we look forward to welcoming you, your friends, and your family soon. If you're unable to join us in the Dundee Hills, we hope you're able to join us at the various events we're participating in around the country. As always, we thank you for your loyalty, support, and friendship!

— *Your DDO Team*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LA JOURNÉE DE LA BOURGOGNE
April 18 | DDO

WINE SPECTATOR'S GRAND TOUR
April 22 Chicago April 25 Las Vegas May 1 D.C.

HEART'S DELIGHT AUCTION
April 29 | Washington D.C.

SPRING FÊTE
May 16 | DDO

ASPEN FOOD & WINE CLASSIC
June 19-21 | Aspen, CO

NEXT DDO DIRECT SHIPMENT:
Summer 2020

2017 Pinot Noir Laurène



TASTING NOTES

Spring 2020 Shipment:

2017 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR CUVÉE LOUISE

About Cuvée Louise

Our Cuvée Louise is a very special bottling, and extremely rare in its production. Each vintage, Véronique focuses on a few favorite barrels that, once nurtured and artfully blended, will become Louise. Seamless, complex, layered, and deeply pleasing, it is a rare and decidedly wonderful wine.

The Vintage

2017 began with record snow and rain. As a result, bud break didn't start until the third week of April, and spring itself was cool and wet. Summer temperatures were largely warm, which led to vigorous crop thinning. By late August, moderate weather allowed the fruit maturation to slow, and the remaining clusters ripened at a more balanced rate. Finally, by the middle of September, temperatures were perfect. Over the course of nearly three weeks, we were able to harvest individual parcels at optimal ripeness. Though something of a rollercoaster, in the end, 2017 gave us beautifully balanced fruit with delightful flavors, elegant tannins, and lovely length.

Harvest Dates: September 21 - October 10, 2017

Louise Bottling Date: January 22, 2019

Véronique's Tasting Notes

Bright and pure, the 2017 Cuvée Louise is radiant and charming. Emerging from the glass are freshly crushed golden raspberries, baking spices, Bing cherries and a subtle touch of oak. On the palate, the impressive length is derived from the wine's effortless balance, rather than its power. Overall, this is a seamless example of what experience and a sure touch can achieve. This is French Soul, Oregon Soil at its best. Age for 10+ years.

