



# COMPTON

FAMILY WINES



## Pinot Noir Llewellyn Cuvée 2014 *Old Vine Series*

Appellation: Willamette Valley, Oregon  
Alcohol: 14%  
T.A.: 6.0 grams per liter  
pH: 3.45

### Llewellyn Old Vine Series:

**Vines** - Old Vines from multiple vineyards averaging 35 years in age and all dry farmed. Pinot Noir Clones are mostly Pommard and Wädenswil.

**Location** - The vineyards are set into the coastal foothills in Philomath Oregon. The vines are located near the base of Mary's Peak which is a mountain in Benton County and is the highest peak in the Oregon Coast range. The Peak is a rain shadow for our vineyards.

**Soils** – [Alluvial and Sedimentary loam] Marine sediment soils were laid down on the floor of the Pacific Ocean. Alluvial soil - a fine-grained fertile soil deposited by water flowing over flood plains or in river beds. Sedimentary soils are dry and brittle sedimentary soil makes for deep-rooted vines and structured dark wines. These soils drain quickly establishing a natural deficit-irrigation effect. Pinot noir wines from Marine Sedimentary Soils usually exhibiting a style showing the voluptuous and denser dark red berry and blue/black fruit with darker floral, earth tones, and bigger, heavier, and chewier tannins.

### Winemaking:

Small lot fermentation and hand punch-downs. After fermentation the wine was stored in French oak barrels for 20 months before being blended and bottled. Wines were bottled in Screwcap Closures to retain great fruit flavors and aromas.

### 2014 Growing Season:

Very warm, dry growing year in the Willamette Valley. Early starts to the growing season lead to an early harvest which beat the rains coming in the fall. The 2014 vintage in Oregon may be remembered as the vintage of a lifetime. From bud break through harvest, growers and winemakers throughout the state experienced an almost ideal growing season that delivered a record amount of exceptional, balanced fruit.

### Wine:

Aromatically the 2014 Llewellyn Pinot Noir has luscious red fruit, black cherry, rose petal, spices, refined with a hint of rusticity and earth. On the palate, one can find layers of elegant spice, currants, cherries, with soft tannins and a long lingering finish.