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## *Illaha "Percheron" Estate Pinot Noir 2017*

### Vineyards

Illaha is a LIVE-certified, Salmon Safe vineyard. We use cover crops throughout the vineyard to benefit the soil and for biodiversity. As part of Oregon's Deep Roots Coalition, which promotes responsible water management, we do not irrigate mature plants. All pruning, as well as the harvesting, is done by hand. Sulfur spray is only used to control for powdery mildew and botrytis.

We aim for balance and optimal ripeness. This includes leaf pulling to decrease shade and dropping green clusters after the grapes ripen (veraison). One of our goals at Illaha is to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels—we have installed solar panels on our winery and use our two horses, Doc and Bea, to mow and to transport grapes to the winery.

### Production

Minimal intervention and historical winemaking techniques characterize our winemaking at Illaha. The grapes are loaded onto the sorting table where any unripe or damaged clusters are removed by hand. The grapes are cold soaked for 2 to 6 days before undergoing a fermentation by natural yeast. The cap (the skins and pulp floating on the surface) is punched down by tool or on occasion by (a very clean) foot. Our red wines ferment naturally. The finished product is drained and then scooped carefully down to the press level. We use a wooden basket press, only retaining enough tannin in pressing for aging.

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of cherry, cedar chest, orange blossom, cinnamon stick, and currant, with a palate of strawberry, bramble, marzipan and bacon fat which finishes with velvety soft tannin that lingers and lingers.

**Appellation**  
Willamette Valley

**Location**  
Dallas, Oregon

**Winery Size**  
60 acres

**Winemaker**  
Brad Ford

**Varieties**  
100% Pinot Noir

**Aging**  
40% new French oak, 60% neutral oak

**Age of Vines**  
19 Years

**Elevation**  
250 – 440 feet

**Soil**  
Sedimentary clay

**Alcohol Content**  
13.5 %

**Production**  
2,508 Bottles

**Farming**  
Dry farmed, Certified Sustainable (LIVE)