

2017 Athena Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

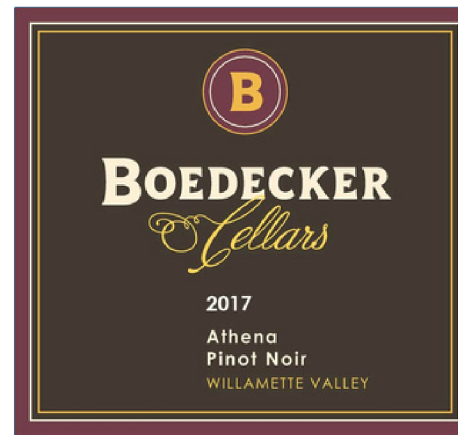
Boedecker Cellars

Stewart Boedecker and Athena Pappas began Boedecker Cellars in 2003, crafting elegant Willamette Valley Pinot Noir showcasing vintage, terroir and the ever-changing growing climate each year offers. Today, they craft their wines in the heart of Portland, where they've "...built a solid track record for sturdy, age worthy wines that are always released on the late side, which is a big plus for impatient consumers." - Josh Reynolds, Vinous.

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"Expressive, spice-tinged raspberry and mulberry aromas, along with subtle cola and spice nuances. Shows good depth and no rough edges to the jammy red and blue fruit flavors, which firm up slowly through the back half. Round, even tannins frame a persistent finish that leaves kirsch and cracked pepper notes behind."

Winemakers: Stewart Boedecker & Athena Pappas



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"The 2017 Pinot Noir Athena is attractively perfumed with cherry lozenge, quinine, and crushed roses. It is medium-bodied, with a silky texture and notes of raspberry coulis, pine, and wet stone. This lovely wine is approachable now or over the next 6-8 years."

The makeup

A clonal blend of Dijon 115 and 667 from Hirschy, Shea and Cherry Grove Vineyards, 30% whole cluster, indigenous primary yeast, naturally occurring malolactic bacteria, minimal effective So2. 30 barrels.

The methodology

Organically driven from vineyard to bottle. Sorted by hand in the vineyard and winery, fermented in small open top 1.5ton fermenters, aged 18 months in French oak barrels, sur lie élevage.

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