

## Beaux Frères Belles Soeurs Estate Blend Pinot Noir 2018



The Beaux Frères story began in 1986 when Michael G. Etzel, then a wine salesman in Colorado Springs, embarked on a road trip to Oregon with his young family after reading an enticing review of an '83 Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley. With an investment from Michael's sister Pat and her husband, wine critic Robert Parker Jr., the dream began to take shape. (The name Beaux Frères refers to the French idiom for "brother-in-law.")

Nestled in the Willamette Valley's Ribbon Ridge viticultural area (est. 2005) near Newberg, Oregon, Beaux Frères was founded by Michael G. Etzel. In 1991, renovation of the main barn made way for Beaux Frères Winery and the first estate vintages of The Beaux Frères Vineyard Pinot Noir followed soon after. Now, Michael's middle son, winemaker Mike D. Etzel, takes responsibility for stewarding the land and crafting the wines.

In the spring of 2017, this second-generation winery began a new partnership with eighth-generation French family-owned Maisons & Domaines Henriot. Beaux Frères believes they are now in a better position than ever to create world-class wines of truly unique character and complexity.

### 2018 Vintage Tasting Notes

In a reprise performance, this radiant gem displays the cherished essence of our family farmed sites. Impressions of pomegranate, pie cherry, tropical flowers and sage play stealthily amid electric acidity and spring-loaded tannins. From its brilliant hue, and onward toward a shining symphonic bouquet and mesmerizing, ethereal texture; this is the purity of Pinot Noir we treasure.. . the winery.

*A wine of presence and expression, impeccably structured yet elegantly layered, with evocative raspberry, rose petal and brown baking spice notes that pick up richness and tension toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2029. — 95 points, Tim Fish, Wine Spectator*



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