

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

Mikey D. Etzel

Winemaker, Beaux Frères

Earning his degree in Enology and Viticulture in 2008, Mikey Etzel joined the Willakenzie Estate team. He continued his journey moving to Brick House Vineyards, then later working on a startup operation called Chapter 24 Vineyards. In 2015, Mikey joined the Beaux Freres team as Vineyard Manager and Winemaker for his father's new boutique production and private estate vineyard project called Sequitur. Soon, father and son discovered a unique yet dynamic working relationship, with Mikey being named head Winemaker and Viticulturalist in the 2016 vintage. His primary focus now is to carry forward the family tradition of making terroir-driven wines.



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