



## **Raptor Ridge Background**

Owner: Scott and Annie Schull
Region: Oregon / Willamette Valley

Founded: 1995

Annual Production: 10,000cs

**Description:** Located in the Chehalem Mountains, a natural haven for raptors, Raptor Ridge specializes in hand-made wines from individual vineyards located throughout the Willamette Valley. One of Oregon's oldest wineries boasting numerous 90+ scores, Raptor Ridge is one of Willamette's top producers and has, among many other accolades, been named a Top 100 Winery by Food and Wine magazine.

## Wine Notes - 2015 Raptor Ridge Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard

Raptor Ridge's Tuscowallame Vineyard is located in the Chehalem Mountains at 300 to 500 feet of altitude and enjoys an east-southeast aspect with stunning views of the Cascade Mountains. Part of Raptor Ridge since 2000, the land was previously a cherry orchard and features deep, well-drained loess-based soils which lend a brightness to the fruit and a silkiness to the texture.

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Wine Spectator

91 Points 90 Points

#### **Technical Specifications**

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Region:** United States / Oregon / Chehalem Mountains

Vine Age / Yields: 10-18 years old Production Volume: 524 cases

**Vineyard Characteristics:** Estate Vineyard, featuring loess-based soils over volcanic

substrate (Jory soils)

Wine-Making / Vinification: Machine harvested in multiple passes throughout September,

destemmed grapes

5-day cold soak fermentation using native yeast with 18 days of skin contact, aged 10 months in 16% new French oak / 85%

neutral French oak barrels

 Alcohol / Volume:
 14.1%

 Acidity:
 3.7 g/L

 Brix:
 25.2



**91 Points.** Aromas of dried strawberries, light chocolate and cedar. Medium body, soft tannins and a clean finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

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**90 Points.** Keenly focused, with savory raspberry and black tea flavors that build structure and tension toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2022. 500 cases made.

