



## 2015 “*Merci Reserve*” Pinot Noir

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<b>Production:</b>	143 cases (6 barrels)
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Jim Sanders
<b>AVA:</b>	Chehalem Mountains AVA, Willamette Valley
<b>Vineyard blocks:</b>	Estate plantings of heritage clones, Southern block
<b>Clones:</b>	Calera, Mt. Eden, Swan
<b>Barrel aging:</b>	16 months, French oak, 70% new
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.2%

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The Le Cadeau “*Merci*” cuvee is our unique release crafted from estate plantings of “heirloom” or “heritage clones” of Pinot noir – planted in both 2006 & 2008. This special bottling is a fitting tribute to those that have labored to make these extraordinary clones available to us, and to whom we express our deepest thanks.

Winemaker Jim Sanders has meticulously refined his talent in Oregon winemaking since the mid-90s. Jim's portfolio features some of the Willamette Valley's most acclaimed wines, including those produced under his partnership with Le Cadeau proprietor Tom Mortimer – Aubichon Cellars. Jim focuses on small production, hand-crafted wines, aged exclusively in top-tier French oak from the finest cooperages in Burgundy.

**92 pts. | Wine Spectator** – Harmonious and sleekly supple, with lovely strawberry and green tea aromas and precise, vital raspberry and spice flavors that glide toward velvety tannins. Drink now through 2024. –TF

**93 pts. | Wine Enthusiast** – This well-crafted reserve boasts a solid core of blueberry and black cherry fruit, thickly accented with dark chocolate notes. Produced from heritage (Calera, Swan and Mt. Eden) clones, it's textural and dense, with dark char, espresso and black licorice flavors. –PG