Le Cadeau
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2016 *"Diversité"* Pinot Noir
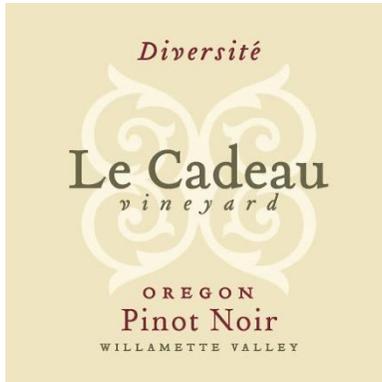
Production:	168 cases (7 barrels)
Winemaker:	Jim Sanders
AVA:	Chehalem Mountains AVA, Willamette Valley
Vineyard blocks:	The diverse Northern blocks of our estate vineyard
Clones:	Pommard, Mariafeld, Dijon 667, Dijon 777, Dijon 113, Dijon 114, Dijon 115, Mt. Eden, Calera
Barrel aging:	11 months, French oak
Alcohol:	14.2%

Production Notes – The Diversité cuvee showcases a unique and diverse range of characteristics that reflect its varied soil, sunlight exposure, and clonal blend. It is sourced from three blocks of our estate vineyard, covering the Northern end, containing 9 clones – Pommard, Dijon 113, -114, -115, -667, -777, a few rows of the Swiss clone Mariafeld, and a touch of Mt. Eden and Calera. The Mariafeld in particular lends natural smoke and spice notes to the wine, which have become distinctive characteristics in this cuvee. The soil variation for Diversité ranges from heavily broken volcanic basalt on the Northwestern block, to the more lush Nekia soil of the Northeastern block.

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.

93 pts. | Wine Enthusiast, Editors' Choice – This multi-clonal selection is lushly endowed with a bright mix of red fruit, recalling cranberry, pomegranate, raspberry and cherry. It's annotated with orange peel highlights and orange blossom scents. The detail and subtlety are impressive. *–PG*

92 pts. | Wine Spectator – Polished and generous, with expressive raspberry and plump blueberry flavors accented by orange zest and spiced cinnamon notes, lingering toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2024. *–TF*