



2016 “*Merci Reserve*” Pinot Noir



Production:	124 cases (5 barrels)
Winemaker:	Jim Sanders
AVA:	Chehalem Mountains AVA, Willamette Valley
Vineyard blocks:	Estate plantings of heritage clones, Southern block
Clones:	Calera, Mt. Eden, Swan
Barrel aging:	14 months, French oak
Alcohol:	14.1%

The Le Cadeau “Merci” cuvee is our unique release crafted from estate plantings of “heirloom” or “heritage clones” of Pinot noir – Mt. Eden, Swan, and Calera – 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.

93 pts. | James Suckling – “...complexity on the nose of this Pinot makes for attractive, fragrant allure. The palate has fine-grained and detailed tannins and carries a long, plush and fluid array of fruit to the fleshy, bright finish.” –JS

92 pts. | Wine Enthusiast – “This offers a lush and quite lovely mix of red fruits. There's an initial savory note, but as the wine breathes open, it turns more supple and fruit driven. Tannins are ripe and substantial, and this will drink well into the late 2020s.” –PG