

APPENDIX

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2001: This year produced a soft, big vintage. It saw almost ideal growing and ripening weather and less than an inch of rain during harvest. This is not a typical cool-climate vintage, since acids are as low and ripeness as full, despite above average yields before crop thinning, as we've seen since perhaps 1987. The Pinot noirs will be soft, fleshy and early appealing, with moderate colors. Whites will be full and broad, and early maturing. The alcohols are restrained slightly by yields that didn't force extreme extraction. The wines were lighter, slightly harder and not as well-reviewed by critics. Perhaps the weakest vintage of the excellent 1998–2003 string.

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2006: Thanks to favorable weather at bloom and an extended growing season, Oregon's 2006 vintage was characterized by that rare combination of plentiful crop, a warm and dry growing season with little precipitation and modest disease pressure. A hot, dry, eastern wind just prior to harvest caused dehydration at many sites, boosting acid and sugar levels. Some panicked at the high sugar levels and picked before the grapes developed full physiological maturity. The resulting wines were rich and hedonistic. Higher than average alcohols were common. 2003 was the only vintage in recent times warmer than 2006, as measured by heat unit accumulation.

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2008: Hailed by many as the "best vintage of the last 20 years," Oregon's 2008 started with a very late bud break—almost a full month late. It rained just enough in September to keep the vines working steadily. The weather throughout October was perfect: moderate temperatures during the day and cool nights allowed fruit to ripen slowly and evenly, with no real disease pressure. Surprisingly, the vintage ended with very low accumulated Degree Days—a mere 1976. Extremely well-balanced wines were produced with complex fruit flavors, excellent acidity, well-developed tannins and moderate alcohols. The downside was very low yields and small quantities of wine.

2009: Excellent weather during bloom created unusually large clusters with very high berry counts. Vineyards thinned to one cluster per shoot still achieved record yields. Weather during harvest was warm and dry. There was a distinct difference between vineyards located above McMinnville where there was significant dehydration and loss of acidity. Vineyards below McMinnville had little dehydration, normal acidity and a later harvest window. High yields and good quality fruit will help wineries recover from the small volume of 2008.

2010: Overall, this was the coolest growing season in the past 30 years. After a brief period into the 70's in mid-May, there was no real warmth until mid- and late-June. There were a few brief bouts of heat into the 90's in August, but September and October were mostly in the 60's and 70's. Our saving grace was an extended period of sun in October, 13 days, which allowed the skins to mature their tannins. Low sugars at harvest resulted in moderate alcohols. The wines have good acidity and the vintage also produced very good white wines. The Pinot noirs have well-developed flavors, especially given the relative coolness of the growing season. They are very textural in the mouth, unusually so, are capable of clear expressions of site and will be great food wines. Bird predation was a huge issue near harvest time.

2011: A very cold spring resulted in delayed bud break and the latest bloom in Oregon's history, occurring in early July. The summer was warmer than normal producing a good canopy and lower than normal disease pressure. Veraison occurred in September and at some sites, the grapes were not fully colored until early October. Cloudy and wet weather in early October increased the disease pressure, but then the weather cleared and was sunny into early November. For most Willamette Valley sites, this was the latest harvest on record. Low sugar, solid acidity and decent flavor development produced surprisingly generous wines from the better sites, especially if picked late in October and early into November.

2012: A cool spring with record moisture in June resulted in a slightly delayed bloom that was interrupted by cool, wet weather. This resulted in an extended period of flowering, diminished berry fertilization and some bunch stem necrosis. Consequently, the clusters had reduction both in absolute number and in the number of berries per cluster, significantly reducing the crop. Spring was followed by a beautiful, sunny, warm and dry summer, with the longest dry period in the Willamette Valley's history, over 100 days. The lovely weather continued into October with harvest occurring in mid-month. The grapes achieved ideal ripeness and wines have lovely ripe tannins, moderate alcohols and nice acidity. This is potentially one of Oregon's best harvests.

2013: A Tale of Two Harvests—one very early and one normal, with rain in between. They started as one very early harvest thanks to a very consistent, warm growing season, the warmest on record up to final ripening mid-September. An unanticipated 30-year rain event of 5" then appeared the last days of September, made of remnants from a typhoon that had hit Japan days before, ushering in a spate of cool weather, interrupting the season, slowing ripening and turning it into two discrete picks, with early Pinot noir ferments already in barrel before remaining grapes were ripe and picked! Although grapes ripe during the rain were vulnerable to botrytis, earlier and later picks showed very good quality, with many considering the coolness and longer hang-time a big benefit, preserving acidity and flavors, while

minimizing alcohol. Color, texture, balance and acidity on the whole were good for the vintage. Croploads were moderate to high, except for blocks and varieties lost to the rain.

2014: 2014 was one of those rare vintages when everyone is excited—writers and winemakers love the quality, grape growers had no handwringing to do and yields pleased bankers, which also means customers will see reasonable prices! Wine quality is excellent, based on full ripeness, probably the cleanest fruit we've seen in decades, and restrained extractions in fermentation to compensate for the warmest growing season on record assure balance. Despite the warmth of over 2800 degree days, driven by many very hot summer days (almost double the over 90F highs we've recently seen at 29) and warmer lows, good cropload balance and harvest timing gave reasonable alcohols, averaging just under 14%. Whites are lush and gorgeously fruited. Pinot noir colors are appropriately rich but not too deep, wines not tannic or over-extracted, and all's right with the world.

2015: Here, have a cigar! We just had twins, one year apart. The 2015 vintage was slightly different in early growing season timing from 2014, but the final effect was the same, with big heat, big crop and big expectations. The acids are down, the alcohols are slightly over 14% on average and the work many did to minimize over-extraction resulted in more elegant wines than a hot vintage deserves. Similar to 2014. Also as in 2014, the fruit was impeccably clean and devoid of disease, with only a little sunburn being tossed from the sorting conveyor. Whites again look fully ripe, texturally rich, and yet balanced. Pinot noirs will rival 2014 for rave reviews.

2016: This is the year of *Earliest Ever*. The winter was warm, budbreak was early and 2016 never looked back—bloom, veraison, and harvest all early records, beginning harvest in August and done before October. Although early, the growing season wasn't as hot as the prior three, but still in the same new, warm norm. Fruit is fully ripe but not overripe, with moderate alcohols, good enough acids and intense, easily extracted, dense wines, from 15% smaller berry sizes and yields. Potentially an excellent-to-classic vintage. Finally dialed back a little.

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TEMPERATURE MEAN AND EXTREMES, PLUS RAINFALL					
	McMinnville, OR Airport	Day Count			
		Mean High	Max Temp	> 80F	>90F
2008	May	67	97	4	1
	June	71	99	5	1
	July	82	96	20	6
	August	80	102	14	5
	September	79	92	15	3
	October	63	75	0	0
				58	16
2009	May	69	89	5	0
	June	74	87	6	0
	July	86	105	23	11
	August	80	96	15	5
	September	77	95	12	2
	October	62	70	0	0
				61	18
2010	May	62	76	0	0
	June	69	82	4	0
	July	81	96	17	5
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	September	74	89	7	0
	October	64	80	1	0
				43	11
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	September	81	96	17	8
	October	63	76	0	0
				55	14
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		1-Jun	16-Aug	12-Sep	12-Oct	31-Oct
	1961-90	203	1283	1635	1936	1970
	1997	363	1462	1902	2158	2196
	1998	293	1564	2030	2332	2400
	1999	213	1231	1676	1977	2043
	2000	309	1430	1782	2149	2211
	2001	411	1445	1823	2110	2260
	2002	312	1471	1843	2138	2243
	2003	343	1610	2064	2391	2535
	2004	367	1652	2080	2342	2404
	2005	327	1486	1897	2109	2226
	2006	358	1642	2115	2376	2417
	2007	355	1504	1958	2121	2143
	2008	252	1320	1683	1936	1980
	2009	244	1426	1852	2066	2124
	2010	164	1162	1478	1795	1821
	2011	94	1101	1634	1959	2035
	2012	340	1492	1888	2224	2301
4 of top 5	2013	385	1666	2189	2364	2412
	2014	398	1766	2283	2702	2826
	2015	439	1941	2373	2698	2833
thru 10/10	2016	558	1787	2240	2489	2489
	mean	326	1508	1939	2222	2295
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2008: Hailed by many as the "best vintage of the last 20 years," Oregon's 2008 started with a very late bud break—almost a full month late. It rained just enough in September to keep the vines working steadily. The weather throughout October was perfect: moderate temperatures during the day and cool nights allowed fruit to ripen slowly and evenly, with no real disease pressure. Surprisingly, the vintage ended with very low accumulated Degree Days—a mere 1976. Extremely well-balanced wines were produced with complex fruit flavors, excellent acidity, well-developed tannins and moderate alcohols. The downside was very low yields and small quantities of wine.

2009: Excellent weather during bloom created unusually large clusters with very high berry counts. Vineyards thinned to one cluster per shoot still achieved record yields. Weather during harvest was warm and dry. There was a distinct difference between vineyards located above McMinnville where there was significant dehydration and loss of acidity. Vineyards below McMinnville had little dehydration, normal acidity and a later harvest window. High yields and good quality fruit will help wineries recover from the small volume of 2008.

2010: Overall, this was the coolest growing season in the past 30 years. After a brief period into the 70's in mid-May, there was no real warmth until mid- and late-June. There were a few brief bouts of heat into the 90's in August, but September and October were mostly in the 60's and 70's. Our saving grace was an extended period of sun in October, 13 days, which allowed the skins to mature their tannins. Low sugars at harvest resulted in moderate alcohols. The wines have good acidity and the vintage also produced very good white wines. The Pinot noirs have well-developed flavors, especially given the relative coolness of the growing season. They are very textural in the mouth, unusually so, are capable of clear expressions of site and will be great food wines. Bird predation was a huge issue near harvest time.

2011: A very cold spring resulted in delayed bud break and the latest bloom in Oregon's history, occurring in early July. The summer was warmer than normal producing a good canopy and lower than normal disease pressure. Veraison occurred in September and at some sites, the grapes were not fully colored until early October. Cloudy and wet weather in early October increased the disease pressure, but then the weather cleared and was sunny into early November. For most Willamette Valley sites, this was the latest harvest on record. Low sugar, solid acidity and decent flavor development produced surprisingly generous wines from the better sites, especially if picked late in October and early into November.

2012: A cool spring with record moisture in June resulted in a slightly delayed bloom that was interrupted by cool, wet weather. This resulted in an extended period of flowering, diminished berry fertilization and some bunch stem necrosis. Consequently, the clusters had reduction both in absolute number and in the number of berries per cluster, significantly reducing the crop. Spring was followed by a beautiful, sunny, warm and dry summer, with the longest dry period in the Willamette Valley's history, over 100 days. The lovely weather continued into October with harvest occurring in mid-month. The grapes achieved ideal ripeness and wines have lovely ripe tannins, moderate alcohols and nice acidity. This is potentially one of Oregon's best harvests.

2013: A Tale of Two Harvests—one very early and one normal, with rain in between. They started as one very early harvest thanks to a very consistent, warm growing season, the warmest on record up to final ripening mid-September. An unanticipated 30-year rain event of 5" then appeared the last days of September, made of remnants from a typhoon that had hit Japan days before, ushering in a spate of cool weather, interrupting the season, slowing ripening and turning it into two discrete picks, with early Pinot noir ferments already in barrel before remaining grapes were ripe and picked! Although grapes ripe during the rain were vulnerable to botrytis, earlier and later picks showed very good quality, with many considering the coolness and longer hang-time a big benefit, preserving acidity and flavors, while

minimizing alcohol. Color, texture, balance and acidity on the whole were good for the vintage. Croploads were moderate to high, except for blocks and varieties lost to the rain.

2014: 2014 was one of those rare vintages when everyone is excited—writers and winemakers love the quality, grape growers had no handwringing to do and yields pleased bankers, which also means customers will see reasonable prices! Wine quality is excellent, based on full ripeness, probably the cleanest fruit we've seen in decades, and restrained extractions in fermentation to compensate for the warmest growing season on record assure balance. Despite the warmth of over 2800 degree days, driven by many very hot summer days (almost double the over 90F highs we've recently seen at 29) and warmer lows, good cropload balance and harvest timing gave reasonable alcohols, averaging just under 14%. Whites are lush and gorgeously fruited. Pinot noir colors are appropriately rich but not too deep, wines not tannic or over-extracted, and all's right with the world.

2015: Here, have a cigar! We just had twins, one year apart. The 2015 vintage was slightly different in early growing season timing from 2014, but the final effect was the same, with big heat, big crop and big expectations. The acids are down, the alcohols are slightly over 14% on average and the work many did to minimize over-extraction resulted in more elegant wines than a hot vintage deserves. Similar to 2014. Also as in 2014, the fruit was impeccably clean and devoid of disease, with only a little sunburn being tossed from the sorting conveyor. Whites again look fully ripe, texturally rich, and yet balanced. Pinot noirs will rival 2014 for rave reviews.

2016: This is the year of *Earliest Ever*. The winter was warm, budbreak was early and 2016 never looked back—bloom, veraison, and harvest all early records, beginning harvest in August and done before October. Although early, the growing season wasn't as hot as the prior three, but still in the same new, warm norm. Fruit is fully ripe but not overripe, with moderate alcohols, good enough acids and intense, easily extracted, dense wines, from 15% smaller berry sizes and yields. Potentially an excellent-to-classic vintage. Finally dialed back a little.

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TEMPERATURE MEAN AND EXTREMES, PLUS RAINFALL					
	McMinnville, OR Airport	Day Count			
		Mean High	Max Temp	> 80F	>90F
2008	May	67	97	4	1
	June	71	99	5	1
	July	82	96	20	6
	August	80	102	14	5
	September	79	92	15	3
	October	63	75	0	0
				58	16
2009	May	69	89	5	0
	June	74	87	6	0
	July	86	105	23	11
	August	80	96	15	5
	September	77	95	12	2
	October	62	70	0	0
				61	18
2010	May	62	76	0	0
	June	69	82	4	0
	July	81	96	17	5
	August	80	99	14	6
	September	74	89	7	0
	October	64	80	1	0
				43	11
2011	May	61	72	0	0
	June	70	85	2	0
	July	78	90	12	0
	August	83	97	24	6
	September	81	96	17	8
	October	63	76	0	0
				55	14
2012	May	68	87	3	0
	June	69	84	3	0
	July	80	90	19	0
	August	85	102	20	9
	September	80	96	14	3
	October	65	88	2	0
				61	12
2013	May	69	86	7	0
	June	76	96	10	2

	July	86	96	23	7
	August	83	95	22	4
	September	73	96	9	2
	October	64	77	0	0
				71	15
2014	May	71	89	5	0
	June	74	86	5	0
	July	87	98	25	14
	August	87	98	26	10
	September	80	97	15	5
	October	69	89	5	0
				81	29
2015	May	71	85	4	0
	June	83	99	21	9
	July	88	106	25	12
	August	85	103	26	5
	September	76	96	9	2
	October	69	96	3	0
				88	28
2016	May	71	89	7	0
	June	77	92	9	2
	July	81	97	15	3
	August	86	102	24	13
	September	76	90	9	2
	October				
				64	20

DEGREE DAYS BY YEAR (50F)						
McMinnville, OR Airport						
		1-Jun	16-Aug	12-Sep	12-Oct	31-Oct
	1961-90	203	1283	1635	1936	1970
	1997	363	1462	1902	2158	2196
	1998	293	1564	2030	2332	2400
	1999	213	1231	1676	1977	2043
	2000	309	1430	1782	2149	2211
	2001	411	1445	1823	2110	2260
	2002	312	1471	1843	2138	2243
	2003	343	1610	2064	2391	2535
	2004	367	1652	2080	2342	2404
	2005	327	1486	1897	2109	2226
	2006	358	1642	2115	2376	2417
	2007	355	1504	1958	2121	2143
	2008	252	1320	1683	1936	1980
	2009	244	1426	1852	2066	2124
	2010	164	1162	1478	1795	1821
	2011	94	1101	1634	1959	2035
	2012	340	1492	1888	2224	2301
4 of top 5	2013	385	1666	2189	2364	2412
	2014	398	1766	2283	2702	2826
	2015	439	1941	2373	2698	2833
thru 10/10	2016	558	1787	2240	2489	2489
	mean	326	1508	1939	2222	2295
	std dev	101	209	234	238	259
	2016Rank in DD	1	2	3	3	