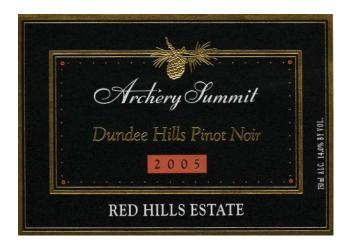
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2005 Red Hills Estate Oregon Pinot Noir

ORIGIN: Our 26-acre Red Hills Estate vineyard is a gentle south facing slope ranging in elevation between 400-600 feet in the heart of the Dundee Hills AVA. On basaltic, Jory soils, it produces one of our finest vineyard designated wines. The vineyard features unusually dense plantings of up to 4,800 vines per acre.

VINEYARD: The grapes for the 2005 Red Hills Estate were hand harvested between September 28th-October 14th, 2005 from 17 year old plantings of self-rooted Pommard clone and Dijon clones 777, 115, 113 and 667 on three different rootstocks. Low yields and cool weather during harvest contributed to the concentration and focus of this elegant wine.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were hand picked, hand sorted and fermented in both wooden and stainless steel open top fermentors using an average of 11% whole clusters. The fruit was soaked cold for 5-10 days then fermented entirely by native yeasts under temperature controlled conditions. Vats were manually punched down one to three times per day during active fermentation. After limited post fermentation macerations and total tank times ranging from 18-24 days, the wine was sent by gravity to 83% new French oak François Freres and Tonnellerie Rousseau barrels for aging. After 14 months in barrel, the wine was bottled in January of 2007.

TASTING NOTES: This wine opens with intense and lavish aromas of black cherry, black caps, currants, violets, blue fruits and cocoa powder. Red fruits make an appearance on the palate reminiscent of marionberries and loganberries as well as delicate floral notes and an earthy minerality. The wine is juicy, succulent and mouthwatering and loaded with layers of fruit, floral and mineral components. It is focused and elegant with seamless integration of tannin and texture. The shape is linear and long with persisting blue fruits, black cherries and iron on the finish. This wine is ready to be enjoyed now but will also benefit from proper cellaring for five to ten years.

This vintage produced 1,894 six-bottle cases, 120 magnums and 40 3.0 L formats.