

ROSE ROCK

DROUHIN OREGON

2016 *Zéphirine Pinot Noir*



97 POINTS
JAMES SUCKLING

93 POINTS
WINE ADVOCATE

ABOUT DROUHIN OREGON ROSEROCK

Roserock is an extraordinary vineyard at the southern tip of the Eola-Amity Hills, in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Ancient volcanic soils, an ideal elevation range and the unique cooling effect of the Van Duzer corridor produce classic cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Roserock is LIVE-certified sustainable.

ABOUT OUR ZÉPHIRINE PINOT NOIR

Our Zéphirine Pinot Noir is a barrel selection cuvée from the Roserock vineyard, and is a reference expression of the site. Zéphirine conveys purity and beauty, reflects winemaker Véronique Drouhin's dedication to elegance and finesse, and will age meaningfully for years to come. The name refers to the Zéphirine Drouhin variety of climbing rose, which is known for its fragrance and beauty.

THE 2016 VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season in Oregon started with a surprisingly warm spring, and moved seamlessly into a classic Oregon summer of warm days and cool nights. Interestingly, though the harvest is one of the earliest on record, the accumulated heat was less than either of the two previous vintages, and both of those are considered to be in the top tier. At Roserock, a cooler vineyard, picking began at the beginning of September under mostly clear skies. The fruit was in beautiful condition and required minimal sorting.

VÉRONIQUE'S TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Zéphirine displays exuberance and serious aromatic depth. Violets, lilac, and primary red fruits come to mind immediately, balanced by a delightful mouthfeel. The layered palate presents complex flavors of cassis and red berry bramble, which fold nicely into each other. There is great freshness, soft, silky tannins and a persistent, long finish. Over the course of a few hours, the mouthweight deepens and the finish becomes even longer. The 2016 Zéphirine is a delightful, deep experience which can be enjoyed now and over the next 10 or more years.

French Soul, Oregon Soil

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