

# ~ VINTAGE NOTES *1996* ~

## HARVEST 1996:

The summer of 1996 provided a warm and fairly long ripening period for Oregon Pinot Noir, although there were intermittent harvest rains. Fruit in this year was close to fully ripe when a few days of rain arrived, resulting in almost normal size and richness in Pinot Noir. The vintage yields were slightly below normal levels, but not financially threatened as with



the 1994 and 1998. Since 1994, more winemakers are choosing to crop-thin to achieve intensity. A fat, rich vintage considered the “best of the rain years” by critics.