



Lingua Franca

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Statistics

COUNTRY

United States

APPELLATION

Eola-Amity Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

FOUNDED

2015

WINEGROWER & ESTATE

OWNERS

Larry Stone, David Honig, and Dominique Lafon

WINEMAKER

Thomas Savre

CASE PRODUCTION

8,000

FARMING PRACTICES

biodynamic & organic farming

Varieties

Pinot Noir
Chardonnay

Website

www.linguafranca.wine

"Lingua Franca is the exploration of Oregon with an open mind, focused on picking fruit optimally for freshness, tension and complexity—based on varying conditions of the season and the terroir of individual vineyard blocks.

— Winery Philosophy

Winery Profile

Co-founded by America's ninth Master Sommelier Larry Stone, David Honig, and Dominique Lafon in 2015, the term Lingua Franca means "common tongue" — rich in meaning and symbolism, it speaks to a deep need for transparency in winemaking and in the vineyard, where the purity and authenticity of Willamette Valley's unique terroir is the only vernacular that shines through each bottling.

"When I first saw the farm that was to become Lingua Franca Estate, it dawned on me that it could be one of the finest places in Oregon to grow Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The shallow, rocky Nekia and Jory soils, the gentle breezes that cool us in the morning, the Van Duzer winds that blow in the afternoons from the west, softened by the hill behind us, and the eastern exposure with its long days and filtered morning sunlight all contribute to the expression of flavor and structure of our terroir." — Larry Stone

LSV estate vineyard is a 66-acre parcel that borders some of the most highly esteemed sites in the Eola-Amity Hills sub-appellation including Seven Springs and Cristom's estate plantings. Stone purchased the land in 2012 and planted a combination of 18 different Dijon clones and heritage clones and rootstock, sourced from specific vineyards—85% of the plantings are Pinot Noir and 15% are Chardonnay.

Construction was finished on a sleek, state of the art winemaking facility in 2016, and not long after, the team hired Thomas Savre, a brilliant young winemaker with an

impressive Burgundian pedigree. Savre worked at prestigious estates in Burgundy including Domaine de la Romanée Conti, Domaine de Bellene, and Domaine Dujac before landing at Evening Land under the tutelage of Dominique Lafon. His work, in combination with the insight and acumen of Lingua Franca's founders have garnered serious accolades, including an impressive 94-Points on their 2015 Mimi's Mind Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir from the Wine Spectator, "Lissome and polished, with expressive violet and blueberry aromas and precise but richly complex flavors of plum, mineral and spices cinnamon," in addition to high praise from Jancis Robinson for the 2015 AVNI Pinot Noir, "Outstanding. A pure, emphatic, appetizing expression of





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Critical Acclaim

2016 Lingua Franca Estate Pinot Noir

93 Points

Tim Fish

Wine Spectator

"Deep and brooding, yet retains a sense of focus and polish, offering dark cherry, black tea and spice box flavors that take on momentum toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2024.

2016 Bunker Hill Estate Chardonnay

94 Points

Tim Fish

Wine Spectator

Sleek and seamlessly complex, featuring expressive floral lemongrass and steely mineral aromas and plush yet refined green apple and lemon flavors accented by spicy lees.

2016 Sisters Chardonnay

94 Points

Tim Fish

Wine Spectator

Expressive and elegantly complex, with apple skin and spice aromas and precise flavors of star fruit, lime and mineral that build momentum toward the finish.

2016 AVNI Pinot Noir

92 Points

Tim Fish

Wine Spectator

Elegant and sleekly focused with complex and precise raspberry and black cherry accented by crushed stone and cinnamon notes that glide toward refined tannins.

2016 AVNI Chardonnay

94 Points

Tim Fish

Wine Spectator

Refined and gracefully complex, with precise and vibrant Meyer lemon, river stone and apricot flavors that glide on a long finish.

2016 Mimi's Mind Pinot Noir

94 Points

Tim Fish

Wine Spectator

Lissome and polished, with expressive violet and blueberry aromas and precise but richly complex flavors of plum, mineral and spices cinnamon.

2016 The Plow Pinot Noir

Winery Tasting Notes

This cuvée comes from two vineyards tended by our talented neighbor, viticulturist Ryan Hannaford, who hails from Australia and recently worked with Dominique at Evening Land. The uniform soils combined with the diversity of clones deliver a very complex and harmonious composition, with black and red fruits, raspberry, black cherry, rose, black tea, smoke and a hint of tar.



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