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**WINE SPECTATOR, INSIDER, FEB. 10, 2016:** Lithe and expressive, open-textured and tangy, with raspberry, cherry and lime peel notes coming together with presence and finesse on the long finish. Best from 2017 through 2002. —*H.S.*

# klee

## 2014 KLEE PINOT NOIR

### VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage in Oregon may be remembered as the vintage of a lifetime. From bud break through harvest, growers and winemakers experienced an almost ideal growing season, delivering a record amount of exceptional, balanced fruit. Root's own estate and its family of growers were no exception. The growing season, and ultimately harvest, was an average of two weeks ahead of schedule. With mostly dry and warmer-than-normal growing conditions throughout the spring and continuing through summer, the 2014 vintage broke the previous record for heat accumulation set in 2006. We were able to harvest in almost pristine conditions with no signs of disease and minimal fear of pest or bird effects.

### VINEYARDS

In this Pinot Noir is a mix of vineyards, including Roots Vineyard, Saffron Fields Vineyard, LeRoy Vineyard and 49 Rows Vineyard. All sites are located in the Northern Willamette Valley and range in age from 1971 to 2007

### PRODUCTION

The 2014 Klee Willamette Valley Pinot Noir was produced using native fermentation — both primary and secondary. The wine was aged in French oak barrels (10 percent new oak) for 11 months.

### PAIRING

Chris suggests paring this wine with coq au vin but says that it could pair with many dishes; this is the ultimate food wine.

SRP: \$20 CASES: 3,000

### WHAT'S THE STORY?

In homage to one of winemaker/owner Chris Berg's favorite artists, Klee is named for the famous Bauhaus artist Paul Klee. The artwork on the label is an adaptation of a Klee painting called **Solution "ee". of the Birthday Assignment, 1924.**

