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## SCORES FOR PURPLE HANDS' 2017 VINTAGE.

### **2017 LATCHKEY VINEYARD CHARDONNAY, DUNDEE HILLS 91+ Points**

The 2017 Chardonnay Latchkey Vineyard has savory and minerally aromas of crushed stone, charcuterie, apple pie, crème brûlée, quince paste and honeyed peaches with accents of dried hay and toasted almonds. It's medium-bodied and silky with youthfully slow to open flavors, juicy acidity and a long, nutty finish. This will benefit from another year in bottle. (drink now - 2024) - Erin Brooks

### **2017 LATCHKEY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, DUNDEE HILLS 92 Points**

Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2017 Pinot Noir Latchkey Vineyard opens perfumed with tangerine peel, lilac, crushed cranberries and red currants with accents of scorched earth, gravel dust and meaty hints. The palate is medium-bodied and ultra silky with concentrated, spiced fruits, a gentle frame of grainy tannins and great freshness, finishing long and lifted with orange peel perfume. (drink now - 2026) - Erin Brooks

### **2017 HOLSTEIN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, DUNDEE HILLS 93 Points**

The medium ruby-purple colored 2017 Pinot Noir Holstein Vineyard has a deep, broody nose of crushed blackberries, blueberries and cranberries with notes of charcuterie, scorched earth, blood orange, pipe tobacco and warm earth with touches of potpourri and dried flowers. Medium-bodied and silky, it offers intense, spice-laced flavor layers with a gentle frame and bright, juicy acidity, finishing long and layered. (drink now - 2027) - Erin Brooks

### **2017 KROPF VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, DUNDEE HILLS 92 Points**

The 2017 Pinot Noir Kropf Vineyard is pale to medium ruby-purple, it opens with notions of granite, crushed peppercorn, dried lavender and lilac with a core of raspberries and blackberries with touches of scorched earth and citrus peel. The light to medium-bodied palate is concentrated and nuanced with a soft frame and great freshness, finishing long and perfumed. (drink now - 2026) - Erin Brooks

### **2017 SHEA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, YAMHILL-CARLTON 94 Points**

The pale to medium ruby 2017 Pinot Noir Shea Vineyard comes from vines planted in sedimentary soils at 600-foot elevation. It has a wonderful nose of spiced cranberry sauce, crushed blackberries, raspberries and red currants with notes of forest floor, pipe tobacco, dried violets and sweet spices. It's medium-bodied, silky and intense with loads of spicy flavor layers, a seamless frame and long, layered finish. Lovely! (drink now -2027)

### **2017 FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY 92+ Points**

Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2017 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard's nose gives up potting soil, tar and smoked meat aromas over a core of red currants and wild blackberries, plus nuances of licorice, oolong tea leaves, amaro and potpourri. Medium-bodied, it unfurls slowly to floral-tinged blue fruits, sturdily framed and juicy, with a long, spicy finish. This will benefit from another year in bottle. (drink 2021-2027) - Erin Brooks

### **2017 LE NOUVEAU MONDE PRESTIGE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR 92 Points**

The pale to medium ruby-purple 2017 Pinot Noir Le Nouveau Monde is a blend of five of Cody Wright's favorite barrels from the vintage, aged in almost 100% new oak. It gives up scents of crushed blueberries, blackberries and cranberries with nuances of prosciutto, violets, lilac, autumn leaves, blood orange and dusty earth. The palate is medium-bodied with loads of juicy, ripe, earth-laced fruits, grainy and fresh with a long, sweet berry-laced finish. Delicious and approachable right out of the gate. (drink now - 2026) - Erin Brooks