

# Longplay

Lia's Vineyard \* Chehalem Mountains

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## **Groove Club Shipment #20 - What's in the Box?**

This shipment revisits the 2016 vintage in its prime. It was a warm year (but cooler than 2021!) and we picked the grapes on a rainy day which helped to soften the wines a bit. The juice wasn't diluted at all - the resulting wine displays a nice balance of ripeness and tension, with a slightly nubbiier than usual tannic profile. All of these wines are drinking well now. I would probably choose the Jory Bench Reserve if I were going to lay something down for a few more years.

### **Longplay 2016 Pinot Noir, Lia's Vineyard (2 bottles)**

Mostly 115, some Mariafeld and a couple barrels of Pommard and Wädenswil. It is a tasty wine with some lovely fruit, spice, and a juiciness that I really like. A proud standard-bearer for the Longplay brand. 259 cases produced.

### **Longplay 2016 Pinot Noir, "Jory Bench Reserve," Lia's Vineyard (2 bottles)**

As usual, this bottling is a combination of Block 1, my favorite block of Pommard selection, and Blocks 4 and 5, old Wädenswil selection planted in 1990. We only made 99 cases, so it hasn't been poured much in the tasting room or seen much distribution. This bottle has a heady floral nose and the red fruit notes characteristic of the Jory soil in which the vines grow. There is a wonderful balance between elegance and richness that make this an approachable but serious wine.

### **Longplay 2016 Pinot Noir, "Hi-Tone," Lia's Vineyard (1 bottle)**

This edition a bit bigger than usual and tastes classy. It has notes of bramble with a long finish. This wine has zero new oak, so the Wädenswil fruit really is the star. This one is drinking well now. 71 cases produced.

### **Longplay 2016 Chardonnay, "Jory Slope," Lia's Vineyard (1 bottle)**

This was our first attempt at making a brighter style of Chardonnay. We picked earlier than usual and the wine was a bit acidic when young. Now that it has had a bit of time in bottle it is really, really nice and unmistakably Longplay Chardonnay. Just 37 cases produced.