

KEY FACTS

The world-renowned Willamette Valley has become one of the most prized winegrowing regions on earth.

Oregon is unique and offers its own distinctive voice.





TO UNPACK THIS PINOT NOIR IS TO DIG THROUGH LAYER UPON INTRIGUING LAYER OF THE STORIED DUNDEE HILLS APPELLATION. THE APPELLATION OFFERS THE POWER OF PLURALITY WITHIN A SINGLE, UNIQUE PLACE. THE IMMACULATE GROWING CONDITIONS BRING EVERY DETAIL OF THE FIVE SELECT VINEYARD SITES TO LIFE—THE VARYING BLOCKS, SOIL TYPES, VINE AGES, AND CLONES—RESULTING IN A WINE BRIMMING WITH COMPLEXITY.

VINTAGE

2021 finished with a bang and is already considered the vintage of the century for many Willamette Valley wineries, and for good reason. But it didn't necessarily start that way. Heat spikes and limited water were themes early on, to the tune of 116° F in some parts of the valley. Yet, thanks to water reserves in the soil itself and some timely viticultural movements, the vineyards persevered through the heat and water limitations. The dryer season accelerated picking times, making the fruit ripen a bit earlier than normal. September rewarded us with cool nights and the lower-than average yields set us up to make wines with abundant character, intensity and balance. We are so grateful for the moisture-abundant, microbially-rich and chemical-free soils that lovingly nudged our vines towards the finish line.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine comes from all five of our estate vineyards. The grapes were hand-harvested, sorted, and fermented in a combination of stainless steel, concrete, and wooden open top fermenters with 15% whole clusters in the tanks. After a 4 – 5-day cold soak, the tanks were pumped over twice a day until about halfway through fermentation, then a combination of pump over and punch down was performed once or twice a day decided upon by the winemaking team upon tasting every morning and evening. The wine was then pressed and aged in 12% new oak barrels until racking and blending in July, lightly filtered then bottled in August.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Dundee Hills Pinot Noir touts all the hallmarks of our storied appellation. It begins with brambleberry, ripe rainier cherry, blackberry blossoms, cocoa powder, and spice on the nose. The palate is just as lively, with fresh, juicy red fruit backed by graceful tannins and acid. Finishing with spiced oak and a mouth-coating minerality, this wine is a case study in the magic of the Dundee Hills.

ANALYSIS

ESTATE VINEYARD VARIETAL PH TA ALC 100% DUNDEE HILLS 100% PINOT NOIR 3.53 5.4 g/L 13.5%