



## WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

### 2021 ESTATE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR

YAMHILL-CARLTON

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

#### VINEYARD SOURCING

*"The tapestry of Pinot Noir at our Estate tells the story of how diverse our property is...this wine is a vehicle of telling the story of this unique and special place called WillaKenzie Estate." – Erik Kramer*

##### ALIETTE

Brings purity and finesse

##### KIANA

Adds opulence and fruit intensity

##### EMERY

Delivers depth and complexity

##### TRIPLE BLACK SLOPES

Brings tremendous power

#### VINTAGE NOTES

Overall, the 2021 growing season was warm, dry and lovely. Berries and grape cluster weights were slightly reduced as a result of both cool, wet weather during flowering as well as very dry conditions during the summer. Dry, sunny and nearly picture-perfect conditions continued well into harvest. The lower yields and stunning weather contributed to wines with beautiful fruit flavors, richness and balance.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested by hand from some of our finest Pinot Noir parcels on the WillaKenzie Estate between September 17th and September 24th, 2021. The grapes from each block were fermented separately and spent approximately three weeks on their skins before being transferred to French Oak barrels. The wines then spent approximately 15 months in barrel prior to blending and bottling without fining or filtration.

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

PH: 3.61 TA: 5.2 g/L

#### ÉLEVAGE

15 months French oak (49% new)

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

#### TASTING NOTES

This expressive wine offers aromas of raspberry tea, black cherry, dried rose petal, cocoa powder and a lovely, terroir-driven savory character. Those aromas and flavors carry through onto a rich and sumptuous palate that is defined by beautiful, refined tannins and great length.

#### PRODUCTION

1,357 Cases