

• GRAN • MORAINÉ

2023

Dropstone Pinot Noir

Our 2023 Dropstone Pinot Noir is all about the fruit, *peiricing and broad*.

The 2023 growing season began cool and dry, with a delayed bud break around May 1st due to a cold, wet spring. A sudden warm-up in late April led to rapid vine growth and one of the warmest, driest Mays on record. Flowering was early and successful, setting the stage for a strong vintage. Summer remained warm and dry, with minimal weather challenges aside from a brief August heat spike. Harvest started early on August 24th and wrapped up in just 28 days—a record pace.

Fruit came in clean and flavorful, producing fresh, balanced wines with ripe tannins and wide appeal.

AROMAS

Punchy red licorice, Hood strawberries, rose blossoms, golden hour sunlight, dandelion pollen, autumnal desert petrichor, cured tobacco leaf, lavender

FLAVORS

Fresh European plumb, thimbleberries, Idaho huckleberries, a melage of herbs

TEXTURE

Dense yet transparent front that pops mid palate transforming into citrus rind and pine duff

HARVEST

September 7 – 14, 2023

AGING

10 months in 30% new French oak barrels

CLONES

777, 4

ALCOHOL

13.2%

TA

0.59 g/100ml

PH

3.36

PRODUCTION

214 cases

OUR VINEYARD

Nestled in the eastern foothills of Oregon's Coastal Range, on the wild western edge of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, the range's peaks to the west and south buffer maritime winds and rain from the Pacific Ocean, creating a more temperate growing season distinct from neighboring vineyard sites. Planted in 2005-2006 to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay Dijon clones, the 194-acre vineyard perches in thin marine sedimentary soils, and diversity of block exposures and elevation offer a diverse palette for our farming and winemaking team.

BEAUTIFUL

UPWARD SNAP

WAVY CROSSCURRENTS

Gran Moraine wines shine a light on the monologue of the Gran Moraine Vineyard, lifting its voice and vibrant energy through a signature style of elegance and restraint, with a fresh through-line of acidity. A style that has established the winery as a leader in the Willamette Valley.

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