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2022

Dropstone Pinot Noir

Our 2022 Dropstone Pinot Noir is all about the fruit, sharpened yet broad

The 2022 growing season began warm and dry, with an unexpected frost that came through the Willamette Valley. From late May to early July, vine growth was incredible. Flowering took place the first week in July, setting up for harvest the end of September. Clusters were big and fruit set was colossal. October was one of the warmest and driest on record, bringing in dry and happy fruit. This year is set up to be a truly classic Willamette Valley vintage.

AROMAS

Sous vied blackberries, tobacco, Cherokee purple tomato, oyster mushroom, white coffee beans, lilac oil, black pepper corns

FLAVORS

Elderberry, dried plum, Quercus garryana leaf, grape marc infused dark chocolate, rooibos tea, raspberry leaves

TEXTURE

Red to spicy fruit running down the center with acidity flashing upwards and broadening out with dark cocoa like medium tannins flowing over the top

HARVEST

October I-5, 2022

AGING

9 months in 36% new French oak barrels

ALCOHOL. CLONES 12.6% 777, 4 PH $0.58 \, \text{g} / \text{I} 00 \text{ml}$ 3.39

PRODUCTION 225 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.

FLASHING UPWARDS

BROADENING OUT

aWillamette summer

