



winderlea
vineyard and winery

2011 Technical and Tasting Notes

2011 Winderlea Chardonnay

Aromas of lemon grass, pomelo, licorice, fennel, butterscotch essence and d'anjou pear make up the nose. On the palate there is a core of Meyer lemon, pineapple, fresh cut grass, and subtle nutty notes of walnut and cashew. A firm acid core with an incredibly creamy mouthfeel makes for a generous finish. Note as of July 2023, this wine has aged incredibly well and was featured at a dinner on July 9, 2023 and continued to show the notes and characteristics above in a mature state of elegance.

AVA: Willamette Valley

Vineyard: 53% Carabella | 26% Hyland | 9% Thistle

Selections: 52% Dijon 76 | 39% Hyland UCD 4 | 9% Dijon 95

Harvest Date: 10.22.11 | 11.4.11 | 10.22.11

Alcohol: 13.2%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 40% once used French oak barrels, and 15% stainless steel

Bottled: 8.27.12

Production: 244 cases

2011 Winderlea Dundee Hills Vineyards Pinot noir

Tangerine and hibiscus notes jump out of the glass followed by a lovely later of cherry, strawberries and a hint of cedar shavings. On the palate it shows cherry and tangerine along with more pronounced darker fruit including plum, blackberry, and ripe strawberry.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea | Ana | Juliard | Maresh | Murto

Selections: Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 114, 115, 777

Harvest Date: 10.23.11-11.02.11

Alcohol: 12.7%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 15% once used French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.28.12

Production: 325 cases

2011 Winderlea Ana Vineyard Pinot noir

The nose on the Ana is a bit old world with notes of strawberry fruit leather, moss, coffee, and flame-kissed maple wood. These are coupled with lovely hibiscus flower, cranberry and it's always distinctive violet note. In the mouth the Ana shows juicy strawberries, a wonderful cherry component ranging from cherry cola to Flathead Lake cherries of Montana, ripe fig and touches of earthiness and allspice. The Ana finishes round and satisfying. As with all of the 2011s, the Ana will benefit with additional cellaring and should reward for the decade and beyond.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Ana Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Dijon 777

Harvest Date: 10.25.11 | 10.30.11

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 15% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.28.12

Production: 142 cases





2011 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir

A floral bouquet on the nose consisting of honeysuckle, orange, rose hips, and peach. Playing off the floral notes are exotic wood spices and wet stone. In the mouth this wine is a ride. First showing layers of strawberry, cherry, and cranberry flowing into salted caramel before a finish with hints of tobacco, green tea, river rock and spice. (Note July 2023 this wine is one we continue to taste and thoroughly enjoy each year as we consider it a wine that we consider in the drink now and hold category. One of the most thoughtful wines we have ever produced.)

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Coury, Dijon 114, 115, 667, and 777

Harvest Date: 10.23.11 - 10.30.11

Alcohol: 12.9%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 17% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.27.12

Production: 751 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

2011 Winderlea Legacy Pinot noir

A triple threat with a complete package of aroma, taste and structure. The Legacy shows layers of black cherry, plum, rose hip, and cassis balanced against savory notes of earth, tobacco, leather, cocoa and hints of Meyer lemon. Beautiful acidity and well integrated tannins usher in a long and satisfying finish.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Wädenswil, Coury Dijon 115 (all own rooted and 35 years old)

Harvest Date: 10.23.11 and 10.30.11

Alcohol: 12.8%

Élevage: 10 months in neutral French oak barrels, 20% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.27.12

Production: 130 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

2011 Winderlea Imprint Pinot noir

Winegrower Bill Sweat's Imprint, the only 100% whole cluster wine made by Winderlea, shows classic uplifted red fruit in the glass and the palate. Alongside the high toned red fruit is earth, tobacco and spice notes that marry beautifully.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Coury

Harvest Date: 10.18.11

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 100% whole cluster, 10 months in neutral French oak, 25% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.27.12

Production: 47 cases



2011 Winderlea Crawford Beck Vineyard Pinot noir

From our coolest and only vineyard site in the Eola-Amity Hills comes the Crawford Beck Pinot noir. Situated at the mouth of the Van Duzer Corridor, Crawford Beck boasts the longest hang time of any of our vineyards and provides a beautiful counterpoint to the rest of our portfolio. White flowers, orange blossom and a mélange of mid summer fruits combine to produce heady, intoxicating aromatics. Bing cherry shines against a backdrop of warm spices and a hint of cumin and the soft but structured mouthfeel rounds out a wine marked with incredible balance. (Note, July 9, 2023 this wine was featured at a dinner and showed incredible life and the mature essence of what we tasted upon release of the wine in 2012.)

AVA: Eola-Amity Hills

Vineyard: Crawford Beck Vineyard

Selections: Dijon 115, Clone 60, and Swan

Harvest Date: 11.01.11

Alcohol: 12.7%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 10% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.28.12

Production: 180 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe

2011 Winderlea Juliard Pinot noir

Our neighbor to the east, Juliard Vineyard's Pinot noir was first planted in 1987 and these old vines now produce an average of only about one ton of fruit per acre. Well balanced, with aromas of rose petal and lavender, the palate shows black cherry, cranberry and a bit more generous structure than we are used to seeing off of this site. Juliard distinguishes itself with delicate notes of citrus and orange blossom which add to its signature Dundee Hills characteristics.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Juliard Vineyard

Selections: Pommard

Harvest Date: 10.27.11

Alcohol: 12.9%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 18% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.29.12

Production: 113 cases

2011 Winderlea Maresh Vineyard Pinot noir

Our neighbor directly to the west, the Maresh Vineyard extends upwards of 700 feet in elevation, producing a dramatically differentiated wine from the Winderlea Vineyard. This exceptionally friendly and approachable Pinot noir has aromatics of bergamot and smoked cherry rushing from the glass. Savory notes balance fruit and floral tones highlighted by dried blueberry, almond and strawberry. (Note this wine was featured at a dinner on July 9, 2023 and was a stunning representation of an 11 year old wine from the vineyard. Continues to be a beautiful combination of the red fruit and mild spice characteristics of its younger self.)

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Maresh Vineyard

Selections: Dijon 115

Harvest Date: 11.01.11

Alcohol: 12.7%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 26% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.28.12

Case Production: 136 cases



2011 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot noir

From a vineyard in the Coast Ranges of the McMinnville AVA comes a Pinot noir that exemplifies the richness of this region and the signature syrah-like color of the site. The striking nose of this wine shows earthy, dried herbs alongside ripe cherry and bay leaf. The palate mimics the aromatic tension between sweet and savory, continuing with black tea, plum and blueberry pie, ending with a mouthwatering finish that just won't stop. (Note this wine was served at a dinner on July 9, 2023 and continues to show the savory characteristics and black tea notes described upon release. Drinking well.)

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, own rooted

Harvest Date: 10.31.11

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 13% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.28.12

Production: 112 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe

2011 Winderlea Murto Vineyard Pinot noir

The Murto is deep purple in color with concentrated notes of red and black fruit, alongside a fine layer of root beer barrel on the nose. On the palate we find the most compelling combination of blackberries, blueberries, wet stone and tea. We'd recommend opening a bottle to drink now and laying some down for a year or two for maximum pleasure. The Murto is always a wine that cellars well for 10+ years.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Murto Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 11.02.11

Alcohol: 13.2%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 8.28.12

Case Production: 89 cases

2011 Winderlea Shea Vineyard Pinot noir

One of Oregon and the Willamette Valley's most well-known sites, Shea Vineyard has earned its reputation for consistently stellar Pinot noir. Opulent, decadent and vastly appealing, aromas of cherries, plums, leather and nutmeg. A round and sexy wine with layers of chocolate, gingerbread, blackberries, cherries and a hint of black tea. (Note, this wine was served at a dinner on July 9, 2023 to raves. Drinking very well at age 11 with several additional years of beauty ahead.)

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton

Vineyard: Shea Vineyard Block 21

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 10.26.11

Alcohol: 13.6%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 13% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 08.28.12

Production: 390 cases