



TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

An approachable Pinot noir blend made from barrels used in Winderlea's vineyard designate program. A true winemaker's blend built to be expressive and enjoyable in its youth. Classic Oregon Pinot noir color combine with the wonderful aromatics of cherry, fruit and spice. Pleasing texture and expressive fruit fill the mouth and palate with cherry, spice, and plum. Dried herbs and hints of orange peel add to this wine's intrigue.

VINEYARD

Worden Hill Vineyard - Dundee Hills AVA

This 50 acre site sits high atop the Dundee Hills with 24 acres of vines. Oldest vines planted in 1977. Demeter Biodynamic® certificated in 2021. The vineyard faces due south and sits at an average elevation of 650 feet. Volcanic Jory soil, with a narrow strip of volcanic Nekia running through the middle. Mostly planted to Pinot noir.

Meredith Mitchell Vineyard - McMinnville AVA

Oldest plantings from 1988. Mostly planted to own rooted Pommard, high elevation, shallow rocky soil, broken basalt. This windy site produces Pinot noirs with structure, earth, leather and blue fruit notes. Demeter Biodynamic® certification in 2018.

2021 HARVEST

The 2021 vintage will go down as one of Oregon's vintages to remember. Warmer and drier weather than usual in March and April woke up the vines and the season was off to an early start. Flowering was clear and dry. Just one rain occurrence happed just before bloom and naturally helped to keep yields in check, ultimately leading to fruit with balance and idea ripeness. Summer was warm with unusually high temperatures in late June. Warm weather continued throughout the rest of the Summer with grape development showing great promise for the vintage. Harvest occurred in September with clean and fruit of impressive quality.

VINEYARD: 90% Worden Hill. 10% Meredith Mitchell **AVA:** Dundee Hills | McMinnville

SELECTIONS: 35% Dijon 777, 35% Pommard, 30% Mix (Dijon 667 & 115)

HARVEST DATES: 9/8 - 9/23/21

AGING: 11 months neutral French oak, with a few once used barrels

ALCOHOL | pH | TA: 13% | 3.41 | 6.2

BOTTLE DATE: 9/23/22 **CASES PRODUCED:** 923