

TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

A vibrant hue of dark strawberry jam, this lovely wine exhibits layered flavors of dusty red cherries, raspberry tart, wet tree bark, and a touch of cigar box. Notes of Fuji Apple, pomegranate, anise and violet round off the palate, which is long, linear, and refined. This wine will be the epitome of elegance, finesse, and depth for years to come.

VINEYARD

This 50 acre site sits high atop the Dundee Hills and is currently planted to 24 acres of vines, with the oldest vines originally planted in 1977. Current owners David and Christine Vernier are now leasing the site to Winderlea. Winderlea is farming and managing the property and in 2021 earned Demeter Biodynamic® certification for this site. The vineyard faces due south and sits at an average elevation of 650 feet. Primarily volcanic Jory soil, with a narrow strip of volcanic Nekia running through the middle. Mostly Planted to Pinot noir, Worden Hill also has Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay, and Pinot gris.

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 happened 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: Worden Hill

AVA: Dundee Hills

SELECTIONS: 76% Mix, 30% Pommard, 3% Dijon 115

HARVEST DATES: 9/8/21

AGING: 11 months neutral French oak

ALCOHOL | pH | TA: 12.7% | 3.44 | 6.1

BOTTLE DATE: 9/22/22

CASES PRODUCED: 249