

## 2021 WINDERLEA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR







## TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

Broad and energized, this wine sends flavors of mulled rhubarb, strawberry jam, red peony and cherries jubilee swirling from the glass. Huckleberry and lightly toasted pine nut comes through with herbaceous notes of tarragon and fennel on its heels. The palate has weight yet is backed by a nervy acidity, leading to an elongated finish.

## **VINEYARD**

Winderlea Vineyard is in the heart of the Dundee Hills on Worden Hill Road. This vineyard has been farmed Biodynamic® since 2009 and earned Demeter Biodynamic® Certification in 2015. Winderlea chooses to dry farm and this site is a "no till" vineyard to promote soil health and biodiversity. This 20 acre, South facing slope spans an elevation from 320' to 580' and consists of volcanic Jory soil. 16.4 acres are planted to 8 different Pinot noir clones in 13 blocks. The oldest plantings are from 1974.

## 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: Winderlea Vineyard AVA: Dundee Hills

**SELECTIONS:** Dijon 777 (50%), Dijon 667 (20%), Dijon 114 (30%)

**HARVEST DATES:** 9/3-9/4/21

**AGING:** 11 months French oak, 5% new

**ALCOHOL** | **pH** | **TA**: 13% | 3.36 | 6.1

BOTTLE DATE: 9/22/22 CASES PRODUCED: 510

