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2013 Technical and Tasting Notes

2013 Winderlea Chardonnay

With a lovely golden straw color, the 2013 Chardonnay shows notes of citrus, pineapple and creme brulee on the nose. On the palate, the wine is fresh and crisp with citrus, red and green apple, and stone fruits. Round, with a long finish this wine will age for a decade and beyond.

AVA: Willamette Valley

Vineyard: Carabella | Hyland | Thistle

Selections: Dijon 76 | UCD 4/Wente | Dijon 95

Harvest Date: 9.25.13 and 10.5.13

Alcohol: 13.5%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 17% stainless steel

Bottled: 8.21.14

Production: 525 cases

2013 Winderlea Dundee Hills Vineyards Pinot noir

A bright ruby red color, this pretty and sassy wine shows great red fruit, including cherries, strawberries and cranberry, on the nose and through to the palate. Delicious layers of red fruit combine with subtle savory notes to create a silky wine that was ready to drink upon release and has aging potential of a decade or more.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Maresh | Murto | Weber

Selections: Dijon 115 | Pommard | Dijon 777

Harvest Date: 9.24.13 | 10.4.13 | 10.6.13

Alcohol: 12.8%

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

Bottled: 9.12.14

Production: 750 cases

2013 Winderlea Legacy Pinot noir

Sourced exclusively from original, own-rooted vines on the Winderlea Vineyard, these 1974 plantings show what a difference vine age can make. With the silkiest of textures, the 2013 Legacy leads with heady aromatics of ripe strawberry, currant, and orange peel. The palate begins brightly with cranberry and dusty rose, transitioning into darker notes of dried thyme, dried mushrooms and lavender. Mid-palate shows forest floor, blackberry and sweet and sour cherries leading into a soft and delicate finish. (Note: this is the last vintage that the Legacy Pinot noir was made from the 5 original blocks planted in the 70s. Sadly, blocks 4 and 5, made up of the Coury and Wadenswil had to be removed and replanted at the end of the 2013 vintage due to Phylloxera. From 2014 onwards, the Legacy has been made with Blocks 1, 2, and 3 of own-rooted Pommard and Dijon 115 planted between 1974 and 1976.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Dijon 115, Coury, Wädenswil (all own rooted)

Harvest Date: 9.19.13, 9.27.13

Alcohol: 12.8%

Élevage: 13 months in neutral French oak barrels, 28% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.11.14

Production: 174 cases

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





2013 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir

Our estate vineyard, originally planted in 1974, is comprised of 16.5 acres of Pinot noir. Our flagship wine, the Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir, exemplifies what this stunning site can produce. In 2013 the color of the wine is a vibrant ruby. The aromatics are Earl Gray tea, roses, and spiced raspberries. The palate follows with red and black cherry alongside vanilla bean, dark notes of espresso, and wood spice which complement the fine tannins and structure.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

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

Harvest Date: 9.18.13, 9.19.13, 9.25.13

Alcohol: 13.1%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 28% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.12.14

Production: 914 cases

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

2013 Winderlea Imprint Pinot noir

The only wine produced onsite at the Winderlea Estate Vineyard, the Imprint Pinot noir is made by owner Bill Sweat using old world winemaking techniques and 100% whole cluster fermentation. A delicate red brick color, the 2013 Imprint opens with aromatics of crushed rose petals, red cherries, slate, orange zest, and coriander. On the palate the wine shows dried fruits, herbs, and mushrooms with secondary layers of forest floor, pink peppercorn and the signature whole cluster spice that we have come to expect from this wine. (Note, a second block of fruit, the Pommard selection from a 2004 planting was added into this wine in 2013. These 2 blocks. Coury and Pommard, continue to be the dedicated blocks of Winderlea fruit now used in Imprint each year.)

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Winderlea Vineyard

Selections: Coury, Pommard

Harvest Date: 9.18.13, 9.25.13

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 100% whole cluster, 16 months in neutral French oak, 39% once-used French oak barrels

Bottled: 3.02.15

Production: 176 cases

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

2013 Winderlea Weber Vineyard Pinot noir

Long time Winderlea followers will know the Weber Vineyard by its former name, ANA. With the first release under its historic name, we celebrate longtime growers and pioneers Vivian Weber and her deceased husband, Arthur. We are grateful that Vivian still owns and sells fruit from this legendary site. As always, Weber entices with its highly perfumed nose and wonderful layers of ripe red fruit, soft earthy spice and even a little cinnamon note in the 2013. A mouth watering texture brings out notes of pine and black tea in the finish. Should cellar and drink well through 2025 and beyond.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Weber (Formerly Ana) Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Dijon 777

Harvest Date: 9.24.13

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 8% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.12.14

Production: 230 cases

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2013 Winderlea Crawford Beck Vineyard Pinot noir

The 2013 Crawford Beck Pinot noir shows a crystal clear red garnet color. The aromas are fresh strawberries and cranberries coupled with dried herbs. On the palate is mouthwatering showing off the red fruit core of strawberries, raspberries, and cherries. Beyond the fruit we find layers of thyme, grass and tea. The wine has great acidity and a complete finish. Polished and sophisticated, the wine will easily age for a decade or more.

AVA: Eola-Amity Hills

Vineyard: Crawford Beck Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, Swan, and Dijon 115

Harvest Date: 10.04.13

Alcohol: 12.8%

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

Bottled: 9.11.14

Production: 155 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe

2013 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: 9.20.13

Alcohol: 13.1%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 20% once used French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.12.14

Production: 99 cases

2013 Winderlea Maresh Vineyard Pinot noir

A subtle ruby color, the Maresh shows dusty rose, mushroom and some dried herb on the nose, along with hints of toast that follows through to the palate. This is a well balanced wine with tension between the sweet and savory notes of fresh cherries and rosemary. Bright and fresh with potential for aging through 2025.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Maresh Vineyard

Selections: Dijon 115

Harvest Date: 10.5.13, 10.6.13

Alcohol: 12.5%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 35% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.12.14

Case Production: 116 cases



2013 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot noir

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 and persistent finish.

AVA: McMinnville

Vineyard: Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Selections: Pommard, own rooted

Harvest Date: 9.25.13

Alcohol: 13%

Élevage: 12 months in French oak barrels, 22% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 12.11.14

Production: 252 cases

Certifications: LIVE and Salmon Safe

2013 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. The Murto is always a wine that cellars well for 10+ years.

AVA: Dundee Hills

Vineyard: Murto Vineyard

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 10.4.13

Alcohol: 12.5%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 38% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.12.14

Case Production: 118 cases

2013 Winderlea Shea Vineyard Pinot noir

Not unusual for this warm site, our first pick of the 2013 vintage took place at Shea Vineyard. The wine shows a deep ruby color and a fascinating range of aroma and flavor. On the nose we find tart cherries, strawberries, and dried herbs. On the palate the wine transitions to ripe cherry, raspberries, and rhubarb. We were particularly taken with the layer of mushroom and a bit of forest floor in this most polished and supple wines. Can easily cellar through 2025.

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton

Vineyard: Shea Vineyard Block 21

Selections: Pommard and Wädenswil

Harvest Date: 9.18.13

Alcohol: 13.5%

Élevage: 10 months in French oak barrels, 25% new French oak barrels

Bottled: 9.12.14

Production: 556 cases