

2021 DUNDEEE HILLS PINOT NOIR







TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

Estate grown biodynamic fruit and heritage clones add to this Dundee Hills Pinot noir's intrigue. Aromatics of complex cherry fruit, spice and floral notes present in a pure nature. Layers build on the palate with lively bing cherry, blackberry, spice and hints of dried herbs. Approachable and balanced tannins allow for enjoyment to be had despite this Pinot noir's youthful age. While enjoyable at release, the structure also suggests rewards to be had for the wine lover that can show restraint.

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: 44% Mt Eden, Wadensvil, Swan, 31% Dijon 115, 14% Dijon 114, 11% Dijon 777

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

AGING: 11 months French oak, 7% new

ALCOHOL | **pH** | **TA**: 12.8% | 3.39 | 6.1

BOTTLE DATE: 9/22/22 CASES PRODUCED: 668

