

**TASTING NOTES** from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

Showcasing abundant aromas of red fruit, our very first vintage of this wine opens with wild strawberry, cranberry and rhubarb alongside a touch of violet and bay leaf. Hazelnut, tarragon, rose petal and cola transition to supple tannins buoyed by a fresh acidity. The palate continues into a lengthy finish, carrying structure, focus and finesse.

**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:** 100% Worden Hill    **AVA:** Dundee Hills

**SELECTIONS:** 30% Mix, 30% Pommard, 20% Dijon 777, 20% Dijon 667

**HARVEST DATES:** 9/8-9, 9/15/21

**AGING:** 11 months neutral French oak

**ALCOHOL | pH | TA:** 13% | 3.39 | 6.3

**BOTTLE DATE:** 9/23/22

**CASE PRODUCED:** 361