

2021 CLOS VERNIER ROSE OF PINOT NOIR



TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

Exuberant on the nose, this delicately-hued rosé brings an abundance of aromas including honeydew, grapefruit and rainier cherry, followed by strawberry, crushed watermelon candy and a hint of cherry blossom. Dry on the palate with energizing acidity and a refreshing finish, you can't help but be led to visions of endless warm nights ahead.

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 (95%), Winderlea (5%)

AVA: Dundee Hills

SELECTIONS: Pommard (60%), Dijon 115 (40%)

HARVEST DATES: 9/3—9/16/2021

AGING: Fermented and aged 5 months in neutral French oak

ALCOHOL | pH | TA: 13% | 3.26 | 5.8

BOTTLE DATE: 2/7/2022

CASES PRODUCED: 203