

## 2020 MEREDITH MITCHELL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



## **TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM**

Expressive aromas of red and black cherries, plums and hints of earth. On the palate, cherries, cranberries, and black raspberries are supported by undertones of cedar, leather, tea and baking spices. Approachable with a lingering finish.

## **VINEYARD**

Meredith Mitchell Vineyard is located in the McMinnville AVA. Formerly owned by Susan Meredith and her husband Frank Mitchell, this vineyard was planted in 1988 and expanded to 25 acres over the years. The vineyard is planted between 450-700 feet in elevation and is completely exposed to the Van Duzer corridor which allows the coast winds into the vineyard in the afternoon. Rated one of the top 5 vineyards in Oregon, the combination of own-rooted, high trellis mature Pommard vines and shallow, rocky, and broken uplifted basalt consistently produces intense Pinot nor with complex layers of aroma, flavor and structure. In addition to Pinot noir, there are 2 acres of Chardonnay and 2 acres of Pinot blanc. Certified Demeter Biodynamic® since 2018.

## 2020 HARVEST

A year we all will remember. Mother Nature did serve us up some pretty ideal conditions for growing grapes with concentration and complexity. Less than ideal weather in the start greatly reduced grape and fruit set. Tiny berries and loose, light cluster suggested a vintage with concentration and grip. The affects of wildfire played a factor in the harvesting and winemaking decisions.

VINEYARD: Meredith Mitchell SELECTIONS: Pommard HARVEST DATES: 9/15/20 AGING: 15 months French oak, 10% new ALCOHOL |pH | TA: 13% | 3.21 | 6.2 BOTTLE DATE: 2/8/22 CASES PRODUCED: 139

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