Scenic Valley Farms 2022 Silvershot Pinot Noir

Cases: 97

BRIX at harvest – 23.0

pH – 3.39

RS – 1.0 g/s

Alcohol – 13.1%

Cooperage: 25% new estate harvested Oregon oak

Vineyard Notes: 100% Silvershot Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills

Tasting Notes: Concentrated fruit flavors of blackberry and fig with a hint of chocolate. Decadent texture that is soft and round. Ripe tannins and subtle oak on the finish.

Winemaker Notes: The Silvershot Vineyard is run by Jim and Bill Fisher, the father and uncle of our former assistant winemaker, Jim Fisher Jr. We have been using it in our Willamette Valley Pinot Noir blend since 2019, where the dark rich flavors bring balance to the bright, red flavors of our estate vineyard. This is the first time we've bottled it as a single vineyard wine. Smaller berries than any of our other pinot noir, which creates rich texture, concentrated flavors, and firm tannins. We use a heavier toast on our estate oak barrels to compliment the intensity of this wine.

The Label: Drawn by Mira Eng-Goetz, we used silver writing for the Silvershot Vineyard. The clouds clear to reveal a crescent moon, which is the alchemy symbol for elemental silver.

Vintage Notes: The motto for the 2022 vintage was "embrace the weird." A warm, wet spring foreshadowed an early, healthy harvest, but a freak snowstorm in May threw everything off balance. We were blessed with dry weather in October, and we began the slow and steady harvest to get all the grapes off the vine before the rain came. The resulting wines show great promise, with reasonably low alcohol levels and balanced acidity. The fruit and texture are definitely there, with a hint of herbal notes to remind us of the cool weather to start the spring.

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