

SCENIC VALLEY FARMS 2022 PINOT NOIR



Cases: 1740

AVA: Willamette Valley

Technical Data:

pH – 3.58

RS <1 g/L

Alcohol – 13.2%

BRIX at Harvest - 22-24

FSO2 – 16 ppm

Fermentation: 15% Whole cluster fermentation for 18 days, 60% wild yeast

Cooperage: 10% Estate harvested Oregon oak, 90% 5-8 year old “neutral” oak

Winemaking Notes: I’ve always thought our Pinot Noir is a reflection of our vineyard crew. A five-person crew that handles all the pruning, vine training, and harvesting by hand, this wine is a reflection of their meticulous work. Our cool climate site always gives us low alcohol, high acid wines, so we blend it with fruit from two of our friends vineyards to create balance. Wild fermented for added complexity, barrel aged in Oregon oak for ten months to create depth, and filtered to ensure it is stable and consistent for years to come.

Vineyards: 30 % Silvershot, 70 % Hare Vineyard

Tasting Notes: The rich texture of this wine feels like drinking silk and velvet. Aromatically it gives off a dark earthiness, like fresh soil in a raised garden bed in the summer sun. Flavors of concentrated fruit range from boysenberry to black cherry, with subtle oak and tannins lingering on the finish.

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. As a result of the Spring Snowstorm, every crop on the farm was two weeks behind schedule, including wine grapes. 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. We are expecting easy drinking wines with complexity and depth, but if the 2022 vintage taught us anything, it’s to expect the unexpected.

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