# 2020 PINOT NOIR ZENITH VINEYARD

## EOLA - AMITY HILLS WILLAMETTE VALLEY · OREGON



We began working with Tim Ramey of Zenith Vineyard for our Tempranillo program two years ago, and have been astounded by the fruit quality. So, we thought we'd give his Pinot Noir a try in 2020 - and what a year to embark on a new vineyard relationship! Although Zenith is also the Eola-Amity Hills AVA and is a mere 5 minute drive from our own Estate; the vineyard is planted on marine sedimentary soils and therefore the fruit characteristics are very different. The wines from Zenith show exceptional concentration, depth, and have lovely textural plushness.

#### VINTAGE

The 2020 wine harvest was full of challenges; it was much like the rest of the year we collectively experienced. Although we had to contend with a pandemic, forest fires, and excruciatingly low yields, we were graced with what was truly the vintage of the decade in terms of fruit quality. The 2020 vintage is showing to be a powerhouse, with ethereal texture, density, and fruit concentration. Our red wine offerings will be of high quality and limited.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Dark garnet in color. The bouquet is inviting with ample amounts of ripe blackcurrant and layered spice notes. The palate is lush and supple, with wonderful balance.

- Rachel Rose, Winemaker. Spring 2022.

### **VINEYARDS**

100% Pinot Noir – Zenith Vineyards · Eola-Amity Hills · Willamette Valley · Oregon

#### WINEMAKING

CASE PRODUCTION: 100

FERMENTATION STYLE: 35% Whole cluster, individual small lot, open top

fermentation. Wild and cultured yeast.

CAP MANAGEMENT: Manual punchdowns, pump overs, and délestage.

BARREL PROGRAM: Aged 14 months in 6% New French Oak.

pH: 3.49 TA: 5.4 g/L ABV: 13.5%

#### **CELLARING**

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