# 202I PINOT NOIR FENDER'S REST VINEYARD

# VAN DUZER CORRIDOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY · OREGON



Over the the years we've come to know Jeff Havlin of Fender's Rest Vineyard for his quick wit as well as his ability to beguile you with a quick flash of his boylike grin. The vineyard is named after the Fender's Rest Blue Butterfly, to which Jeff has been involved in the restoration of Kincaid's Lupine - the sole flower used for the butterfly's reproduction cycle. Fender's Rest Vineyards consistently shows dark fruit characteristics, vibrant acidity, and the ability to age with grace.

#### VINTAGE

The 2021 Oregon harvest will be one to remember. It was dry with heat spikes throughout the summer. Fortunately, the grapes were unaffected by the historical "Heat Dome" that descended upon us in June. The fruit was beautiful and balanced, with generous aromatics.

### **TASTING NOTES**

Medium plum skin in color. The nose has notes of red currant, cherry, plum, and baked orange; while complementary tones of clove and star anise provide a complexing spice layer. The palate has an upfront fruit sweetness, while the midpalate is light bodied and warming. The wine finishes with a lovely note of baking spice.

- Rachel Rose, Winemaker. Spring 2023.

### **VINEYARDS**

100% Pinot Noir – Fender's Rest Vineyard · Van Duzer Corridor · Willamette Valley · Oregon

#### WINEMAKING

CASE PRODUCTION: 150

FERMENTATION STYLE: 27% whole cluster. Wild and cultured yeast

fermentation.

CAP MANAGEMENT: Manual punch downs and pump overs. BARREL PROGRAM: Aged 18 months in 33% New French Oak.

pH: 3.7 TA: 5.3 g/L ABV: 13.8%

## **CELLARING**

4-10 years post vintage 2025-2031