2021
PINOT NOIR
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

OREGON

Over the years, we have worked closely with fellow grape grower Jeff Havlin and his Fender's Rest Vineyard to bring this blend to fruition. In addition to his lively antics and dry sarcasm, Jeff has provided us with grapes that display dark and rich characteristics while duplicitously showing bountiful natural acidity. Then in 2018, we began managing a small vineyard just down the road from our winery called Stand Sure Vineyard; it brings a lighter, earthier note to the table. We combine this with the spice, minerality, and structure of our Eola-Amity Hills Bryn Mawr estate to create our Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. Each vineyard lies directly in the path of the Van Duzer Corridor, which funnels cold Pacific Ocean breezes into the Willamette Valley each day. Our Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a fantastic expression of the typicity seen in our cool and breezy section of the Willamette Valley.

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 purple in color. The nose is rich, with notes of red cherry, baking spice, and cocoa. The palate is refreshing and light bodied, with a smooth and pleasant cherry pit finish.

- Rachel Rose, Winemaker. Spring 2023.

VINEYARDS

48% Fender's Rest Vineyard · Van Duzer Corridor · Willamette Valley · Oregon
44% Estate Grown – Bryn Mawr Vineyards · Eola-Amity Hills · Willamette Valley · Oregon
8% Stand Sure Vineyard · Eola-Amity Hills · Willamette Valley · Oregon

WINEMAKING

CASE PRODUCTION: 2,175
FERMENTATION STYLE: 10% Whole Cluster. Fermented with native and cultured yeast.
CAP MANAGEMENT: Manual punch downs, pump overs, and Pulsair.
BARREL PROGRAM: Aged for 10 months in 20% NFO and 15% concrete.
pH: 3.65
TA: 5.1 g/L
ABV: 13.7%

CELLARING

2-6 years post vintage
2023-2027