# 2021 PINOT NOIR ZENITH VINEYARD

## EOLA - AMITY HILLS WILLAMETTE VALLEY · OREGON

We began working with Tim Ramey of Zenith Vineyard a number of years ago, and have been astounded by the balanced opulence of the Pinot Noir coming from the site. Zenith Vineyard is in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA and mostly planted on marine sedimentary soils. The wines from Zenith show exceptional concentration, depth, and have lovely textural plushness.

### 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-dark plum skin in color. The nose is powerful, with notes of sweet maraschino cherry and vine-ripened blackberry mixed with high pitched aromas of five spice and star anise. The palate begins with a burst of fruit sweetness, then transitions into a velvety midpalate. The wine finished with a pleasant cherry pit bitterness and supple and well integrated tannin structure.

- Rachel Rose, Winemaker. Spring 2023.

#### VINEYARDS

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

#### WINEMAKING

CASE PRODUCTION: 150 FERMENTATION STYLE: 100% destemmed. Native yeast fermentation. CAP MANAGEMENT: Manual punch downs and pump overs. BARREL PROGRAM: Aged 18 months in 33% New French Oak. pH: 3.5 TA: 5.8 g/L ABV: 13.9%

#### CELLARING

2-8 years post vintage 2023-2029

