2022

GRANDE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley AVA





WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Grande Cuvée Pinot Noir is made from a collection of our family-owned vineyards across the Willamette Valley. This wine has a welcoming nose of dark cherry, winter spices and hints of garden herbs. The palate is ample and smooth, tasting of raspberry, black plum, and ancient soil. A slate-like minerality comes through to the bright finish. Drink now or cellar until 2029.

TECHNICAL NOTES

AVA: 10/11 - 10/15/2022 Harvest date: Willamette Valley 21.8° Blend: 100% Pinot Noir Brix: 3.68 Aging: New Oak: 8 Months pH: Alcohol: 15% 13.4% 0.25 g/L RS: Skin contact: 13 days

THE VINTAGE

Vineyard owners rejoiced at the quality and quantity of fruit coming in during Willamette Valley's 2022 harvest. The growing season was uniquely unpredictable, from a surprise April freeze to a rain-soaked May and June, to triple-digit temperatures in the summer. By July we started implementing canopy techniques to speed up the ripening process, without allowing too much direct sun onto the grapes. Quality level was never a concern, it was just predicting the timing of full ripening, harvesting, and the volume of juice from our vineyards.

Luckily the hot summer turned into a long, warm fall, which is perfect for a great vintage. Our grapes got to full ripeness just in time for our first pick. Extended warmth, sun, and good airflow in the canopy reduced any concerns of damp fruit during harvesting. In the end, the volume of fruit was even higher than expected, and flavors developed right up to our slightly-later-than-usual harvest. We are excited to share these wines from an impressive "miracle vintage".

THE SOLÉNA STORY

Soléna is a combination of Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun, the moon and cycles of life. We were launched in May of 2000 when our owners purchased our 80-acre estate which became the Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard. Furthering their successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu gifted this vineyard to each other for their wedding, and began making wine under the label named Soléna after their daughter.

Soléna Estate showcases the beauty of terroir in our site-specific wines. We craft delicious wine from our own estate vineyards in Yamhill-Carlton and McMinnville AVAs, as well as iconic single-vineyards around the Northwest. We're well known for consistent, ageable Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Cabernet Sauvignon. However, our entrepreneurial spirit means we keep expanding our offerings. Visit our picturesque vineyard and tasting room in Yamhill, Oregon and raise a glass to celebrate friends, family, and life!

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