



WINEMAKER *Alex Fullerton*  
PROPRIETORS *Eric & Susanne Fullerton*

## VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Tenebris pays homage to our family motto on the Fullerton crest, Lux in Tenebris, which translates to “Light in Darkness.” Tenebris is a barrel selection of our four finest barrels from the vintage, blending terroirs and clones from our best sites to capture the pinnacle of the vintage. This year one puncheon came from Bella Vida Vineyard, a barrel from Momtazi Vineyard and two from Bjornson Vineyard.

Another roller coaster of a year, 2021 had us on our toes more than once. A warm and dry winter led to an early April bud-break. Continued hot and dry conditions led to a somewhat early bloom at the beginning of June. The end of bloom was met by heavy rains, severely limiting fruit set in certain areas, and thus yields. This rain, however, turned out to be a blessing in disguise as afterwards we experienced record-shattering heat that the Northwest had never seen before, breaking our daily high record every day from 6/26 to 6/28. The summer was warm and dry, with heat occasionally causing the vines to shut down, delaying harvest into ideal, cooler fall temperatures. It ended up being a beautiful harvest, with some well timed rains and a delicious crop resulting in tasty wines.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

In Tenebris we strive to showcase the pinnacle of the vintage. The 2021 Tenebris is a selection of three barrels and one puncheon from three vineyards, Bella Vida, Bjornson, and Momtazi. It is from 100% volcanic soils; 43% new puncheon (equivalent to about 25% new oak), 38% third fill, and 19% neutral. A new Puncheon of Bella Vida brings plush red fruit, high-pitched aromatics, and velvety texture. Two barrels of Bjornson, from two different blocks, lend the wine deep fruit, floral notes, length, and spice. Finally a barrel of Momtazi lifts the whole blend with its bright acidity and structured backbone, adding intensity to the fruit and complex, earthy notes. Together these barrels leave a sense of exactly what the 2021 vintage is like in the Willamette Valley, through a nuanced, elegant lens.

## WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

*The nose leads with strawberry, raspberry, cherry cola, liquorice root, cinnamon, clove, crushed river-stone, and rose petal overtones. On the palate, gentle red fruits are followed by sage, rose water, supporting baker's spices, and sandalwood. The texture is smooth and ethereal. Allow the wine to open up with oxygen, as it delivers superb enjoyment once open. Decant to enjoy now or hold for the future.*

2021 Tenebris  
Pinot Noir



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Willamette Valley
Clones	113, 114, 667, 777, and Wadenswi
Alcohol	12.9%
pH	3-45
TA	5-7 g/L
Brix at Harvest	22.7-23.4
Aging Regime	43% new puncheon, 38% third fill, and 19% neutral
Drinking Window	Drink now through 2036
Cases Produced	125

**FULLERTONWINES.COM**