

## VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

On the western slope of the south-facing Ribbon Ridge sits the lovely Lichtenwalter Vineyard. Here Willakenzie soils, derived from ancient sedimentary seabed, coax black fruits and concentrated spices out of the wines.

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

Made from three different blocks within the vineyard. Clone 114 from very shallow soils at the top of the hill that ripen early, and contiguous blocks of 777 and Wadenswil on the bench co-fermented. Half of the 114 was fully destemmed and fermented warm and quickly for smooth structure and bright fruit, while the other half was fermented 100% whole cluster at cooler temps to limit extraction. The 777/Wadenswil co-ferment was capped at 82 F and utilized about 45% whole clusters for floral, spice driven aromatics and firm tannin structure. Together they show off the gorgeous mixed berry fruit and delicate nature of the vineyard. Aged for 16 months in

## WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Pretty garnet ruby color. Strawberry, black cherry, and huckleberry backed by rose pedals, cedar, alluvium, fresh linen, and graphite on the nose. Soft and dusty tannins lead to strawberry, blackberry, rhubarb, citrus pith, allspice, kombu, and darjeeling tea on the palate.

## 2021 LICHTENWALTER VINEYARD Pinot Noir



| Varietal        | 100% Pinot Noir        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Appellation     | Ribbon Ridge           |
| Clones          | 114, 777 and Wadenswil |
| Alcohol         | 13.6%                  |
| рН              | 3.56                   |
| TA              | 5.6 g/L                |
| Brix at Harvest | 22.5- 23.4             |
| Aging Regime    | 18.75% New Oak         |
| Cases Produced  | 384                    |
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