



WINEMAKER
PROPRIETORS

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VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Johan Vineyard sits in the cool and windy Van Duzer Corridor, East of the lowest pass over the Coast Range to the Pacific Ocean. It benefits from afternoon breezes that cool off the vines, wick away moisture, and slow down the ripening process to allow for flavor development with high acidity and slow sugar accumulation. The soils are sandstone based, but many are covered by Missoula flood sediments, providing variation and complexity throughout the Vineyard. 2021 was a warm and dry year, but in this site we waited right up to the last days before the fall rains to pick, coaxing out as much flavor and ripeness from the vines as we could.

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

This wine is composed of two different blocks within Johan Vineyard. Clone 943 situated ideally in a higher elevation south facing portion, and 667 lower down in deeper, west facing soils. Due to the long, extended hang time we get from this vineyard the stems were beautifully lignified and ripe at harvest. This led us to using about 40% whole-cluster over all in the finished wine. Due to the small berries and thick skins, we opted for slower, cooler fermentations to extract less from the stems, skins, and seeds. Native fermentation and mix of punch downs and pump overs were used. The wine was aged for 16 months in 25% new oak, then aged a further 4 months in tank to soften up and integrate.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby with a dark edge in the glass. The perfumed nose leaps out of the glass, with fresh raspberries, black cherries, and lingonberry. There is a gravelly edge of tarragon, oregano, cardamom, and pencil shavings. The palate is tightly wound and bright, with firm tannin structure, black cherry, red currant, black pepper, a mineral laced greenness and a hint of cinnamon. Lay this down for a while or decant it for a couple of hours to enjoy with dinner.

2021 Johan Vineyard Pinot Noir



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Van Duzer Corridor
Clones	667, 943
Alcohol	13.3%
pH	3.56
TA	5.9 g/L
Brix at Harvest	22.8- 23.2
Aging Regime	25% New French Oak
Cases Produced	100

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