



WINEMAKER *Alex Fullerton*
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VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Perched high in the Chehalem Mountains, in the deep, windblown soils of the Laurelwood District AVA. Nemarniki Vineyard is planted on a steep, west-facing slope, the vines are bathed in afternoon sunshine while stretching their roots deep into the silt and basalt below. Our 777 block of Pinot Noir sits at the top of the hill, in shallower soils, allowing the grapes to ripen fully and early in this otherwise cool region. The resulting wine shows ripe fruit, dried flowers, and forest floor aromatics.

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 order to showcase the purity of fruit, voluptuous nature, and inherent concentration that this low-yielding site gives us, we de-stem entirely and allow the wine to reach 90 F at the peak of fermentation. With higher temperatures comes faster fermentation, allowing us to extract a lot of flavor and aromatics early and then getting the wine off of the skins to retain a plush, smooth mouthfeel. Aged in 1/3rd new French oak for 16 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby red. The nose is perfumed and intense, full of blackberry, black cherry, plum, cinnamon, cola nut, dried oregano, and wet soil. The palate is full of tension, juxtaposing sweet fruit and bitter cacao notes. Blackberry, plum, vanilla, warm spice, earth, and lilac all echo on the long finish.

2021 NEMARNIKI VINEYARD *Pinot Noir*



Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Laurelwood District
Clones	777
Alcohol	13.6%
pH	3.71
TA	5.2 g/L
Brix at Harvest	23.8
Aging Regime	33% new French oak
Drinking Window	Now-2031
Cases Produced	72

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