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## VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

2022 was a year with a lot of uncertainty from the very beginning. Bud break arrived in early April, starting out the year a little bit earlier than average. However, in mid-April we

experienced a rare spring frost that killed off a lot of the primary buds in the vineyards. The last time this happened on this scale in the Willamette Valley was in 1984. Luckily for us, grapes have secondary and tertiary buds that act as a redundancy in the event of the primary buds dying. These secondaries are sadly not as fruitful as the primaries, so we thought perhaps we would be looking at a low-yielding year across the board. Luckily some sites proved very fruitful, though others were extremely low-yielding. Cold weather persisted through April, and we didn't really get a restart of growth until May. This is historically about as late of a start to the growing season as ever. When the vines finally started growing, they erupted at a rate that we don't think we have ever seen before. In order to ensure we would have enough fruit, we left a lot of shoots on the vines. This coupled with near perfect weather at bloom, resulted in quite high yields in some sites. The growing season can be characterized as quick and hectic, with a lot of disease pressure from powdery mildew. We started picking at the end of September and were blessed by mother nature with incredible October weather. Barely a drop of rain fell until October 21st, and our last pick was off the vines and inside the winery literally 30 seconds before the skies opened up and unleashed a torrential downpour. From a difficult start to a picture perfect ending, 2022 is a classic Oregon vintage with something to offer every palate.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine is a true Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, showcasing the vintage throughout the region. We blend barrels from our best vineyards to make a wine that showcases the diversity of the valley both in terms of climate and soils. About 55% of the wine is grown on marine-sediments, 40% on volcanic basalt, and 5% on windblown loess. The vineyards spread from the very north to the south of the valley, including some of the warmest and coolest growing regions. In the winery we use varying techniques depending on the block the grapes come from, some 100% whole cluster fermentations, some roto-barrel fermentations, some extended maceration, and a mix of punchdowns, pumpovers, and rack-and-returns. Totaling 40% whole cluster, the wine was aged in 35% new French oak for 16 months before being bottled unfiltered and cross-flow filtered.

## WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Beautiful ruby hue. Aromas of cherry, strawberry, and blood orange are backed by baker's spice, fresh cut herbs, cacao, and wild rose. The palate is lithe with refreshing acidity, displaying red fruits, savory herbs, earl grey tea, black pepper, cardamom, cola, and pencil shavings.

## 2022 Five FACES Pinot Noir



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| Varietal        | 100% Pinot Noir                                  |
| Appellation     | Willamette Valley                                |
| Clones          | 113, 114, 115, 667, 777, 943, Pommard, Wadenswil |
| Alcohol         | 13.5%                                            |
| pH              | 3.64                                             |
| TA              | 5.1 g/L                                          |
| Harvest dates   | 10/4 - 10/21                                     |
| Brix at Harvest | 21.6-24.1                                        |
| Aging Regime    | 35% New French Oak                               |
| Cases Produced  | 885 cases                                        |

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