FULLERTON

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2022 Tenebris
Pinot Noir

VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Tenebris pays homage to our family motto on the Fullerton crest, Lux in Teneberis, which translates to "Light in Darkness." Tenebris is a barrel selection of our four finest Pinot Noir barrels of the vintage, blending terroirs and clones from our best sites to capture the pinnacle of the vintage. The 2022 combines Bella Vida in the Dundee Hills, Bjornson in the Eola Amity Hills, Fir Crest in Yamhill-Carlton, and Lichtenwalter in the Ribbon Ridge.

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

In Tenebris we strive to showcase the pinnacle of the vintage. The 2022 Tenebris is a selection of four barrels from four vineyards, Bella Vida, Björnson, Fir Crest, and Lichtenwalter. It is from 50% volcanic soils and 50% marine sedimentary soils; 25% new French oak and 30% whole cluster. Bella Vida brings plush red fruit, high-pitched aromatics, and velvety texture. Bjornson lends the wine deep fruit, floral notes, length, and spice. Fir Crest adds a structured backbone and earthy tones. Finally Lichtenwalter lifts the whole blend with its hightoned and floral aspects. Together these barrels leave a sense of exactly what the 2022 vintage is like in the Willamette Valley, through a nuanced, elegant lens.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Ruby red. A complex nose full of rose pedal, raspberry, sour cherry, purple plum, autumn leaves, garam masala, and forest floor. The palate is lithe and ethereal, with cleansing acidity and fine, velvety tannins. Spiced notes of cherry and raspberry with cinnamon, clove, peatmoss, and rose water.

Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Willamette Valley
Clones	113, 115, 667, 777, and Wadenswi
Alcohol	13.0%
pH	3.6
TA	5.1 g/L
Brix at Harvest	22.6-24.1
Aging Regime	33% new French oak
Drinking Window	Drink now through 2037
Cases Produced	100

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