



2021 Pinot Noir Estate

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Vineyard:

Established in 1983, Yamhill Valley Vineyards is the second oldest vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. We produce 100% estate grown wines from our 150-acre estate located in the Willamette Valley. Thanks to the geologic history and geographic location, our site is known for intense, enduring wines, grown with distinction. Our Pinot Noir Estate pulls from almost all the Pinot Noir blocks in our vineyard, making it a true representation of our Yamhill Valley Vineyards terroir.

Vintage:

The 2021 vintage produced some of the best fruit and richest wines we have seen in recent years. Rain during flowering reduced yields and was followed by a hot, dry summer with record-breaking heat waves. Thankfully, the heat waves took place prior to veraison and the vines shut down during these events which limited the impacts of heat stress on the fruit. Harvest started in mid-September and the first fruit we brought in expressed depth and intensity. Part way through harvest we welcomed rain which plumped up the clusters still on the vine and offered softer, more fruit-forward elements to work with. The timing of the rain gave us more complexity to play with in the cellar and balance in the resulting wine. Overall, in the 2021 vintage we witnessed true resilience from our vines, leading to wines with big personalities.

Winemaking:

Grapes were hand-picked and promptly delivered to the crush pad for sorting and destemming. Some fruit, up to 30% of a given vessel, was left as whole clusters. Primary fermentation took a little over two weeks and the grapes were punched down, sampled, and evaluated daily. At the end of primary fermentation, each vessel is tasted for resolved tannins before removing the free run juice and pressing off. Each press fraction is kept separate, settled overnight, and then put to barrel. In 2021, we used around 10% new French oak. In barrel, the wine underwent full malo-lactic fermentation and aged for around 10 months before blending. We craft this wine with different expressions of our site to showcase the complexity of our estate and winemaking in a single bottling.

Tasting Notes:

Bing cherry, blue fruit, dark chocolate, white pepper and plum skin.

Winemaker:	Alcohol:	RS:	pH:	TA:
Ariel Eberle	13.5%	<0.1 g/l	3.4	5.8 g/l

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