

WALNUT CITY 2021 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir



VINEYARD

La Cantera Vineyard, Chehalem Mountains AVA

28 acres | Established 1986 | 600 - 684' | S/SW | Laurelwood soil

Robinson Vineyard, Willamette Valley AVA

8.7 acres | Established 1999 | 482-570' | S | Cascade Series soil

VINIFICATION

Hand-harvested. Grapes were mostly destemmed, with less than 20% remaining as wholecluster, followed by a 3-5 day soak before fermentation. Fermenters received a combination of twice-daily pump overs and/or punch downs over 12-18 days. The grapes were gently pressed and settled before aging in French oak barrels for 4-5 months prior to blending and bottling. 2,500 cases produced. 13.8% abv.

TASTING NOTE

The 2021 vintage delivered Pinot Noir with both generosity and grace. Primary black cherry and strawberry notes are accented with floral layers, mocha and allspice. The tannins are wonderfully evolved and round for such a young wine, and the naturally bright acidity carries through a lengthy finish.

VINTAGE

The 2021 Oregon growing season and harvest will always be recalled with a sigh of relief. The year delivered an outstanding rebound vintage after the heartbreaking fires that impacted the region on so many levels the year before. 2021 was not without its challenges, though. Heavy rain in late June during the critical pollination period impacted yields in some areas by as much as 50%, and the hot and dry summer that followed was a tense reminder of the conditions that preceded the fires in 2020. But in the end, fruit came through the door beautifully ripe, balanced and perfectly positioned for minimal intervention on the part of winemakers. Across the board, the wines showed the intensity and richness of color one would expect from a warmer year, but perhaps the most striking characteristic was the nearly perfect retention of natural acidity.

ABOUT

Since 1999, we've been crafting wines that promote distinctiveness, quality and sustainability, while delivering genuine value. Estate farming is the key to achieving these goals – from over 30 years of developing our vineyard portfolio, it's at the core of what we do. Our hand in the winery never speaks louder than the grapes or their place of origin. We strive for natural balance in our wines and allow the strong influence of vintage in the Willamette Valley to shine through. From harvest to bottle, our cellar program was built around handling wine in small, unique lots.

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