

2021 WINEMAKER'S SERIES HERITAGE CLONES

SRP: \$50 | 1,200 CASES PRODUCED

MARIONBERRY BLACK TEA EARTH

APPELLATION

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

VINEYARD COMPOSITION

In 2017, our team planted a series of heritage clones (Calera, Mt. Eden, Swan, and Martini) with the intent to add complexity to our Dundee Hills and Reserve Pinot Noirs. However, these clones have quickly proven to be so distinct that they deserve their own blend. The vines are situated close to the Reserve Winery and are below 200ft elevation, which means that the soil type is a mix of Jory Clay Loam and Jory-Gelderman silt clay loams which are very close to valley floor soils.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

ÉLEVAGE

Aged for 11 months in 30% new French oak, then four months on neutral oak barrels, finishing on stainless steel for one month prior to bottling.

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3.62

HARVESTALCOHOLSeptember 202113.5%

BOTTLING January 2023



NOTES FROM WINEMAKER, KATE PAYNE BROWN

A textured wine with a broad range of flavors to explore. The aromatics are complex and inviting with ripe marionberry, black licorice, and forest floor on the nose. On the palate, generous notes of blue and black fruit, black tea, and a unique ferrous minerality are complemented by plush tannins that build to an expansive finish.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2021 growing season was warmer than average in the Willamette Valley, producing beautifully ripe fruit with vibrant flavors. A dry spring led to lingering rain showers during bloom, which reduced the yield in some blocks. Then, an abnormal heatwave spread across the valley, with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees Fahrenheit. Fortunately, the fruit prospered as high temperatures occurred between bloom and véraison when berries were hard and less sensitive to damage. Temperatures tapered off prior to harvest, with warm days and cool nights, which allowed the fruit to ripen at an even and slower pace. Quick yet seemingly smooth, harvest started on August 21 with little to no breaks until we finished on September 26. The resulting wines are balanced with focused flavors, stunning fruit, gorgeous vibrancy, and incredible aging potential.



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