



# 2021 The Eyrie Vineyards TROUSSEAU ESTATE



## THE WINE

Eyrie's Jason Lett and crew planted the Willamette Valley's first Trousseau noir in 2012. The vividly red wine has aromas of dark berries, loam, and baking spices. Acidity and smoothness are perfectly balanced on the palate, with evolving flavors of herbs and fruits such as blackberry, pomegranate, and rhubarb. Light tannins combine with a precise, long finish to suggest promising ageability.

## THE VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

Trousseau is an ancient variety, originating in France's Jura region and centered in the hillside village of Montigny-les-Arsures. In 2012, inspired by these wines, Jason Lett planted the Willamette Valley's first Trousseau.

Our Trousseau is made from estate-grown, no-till organic grapes and transformed to juice by wild yeast. It aged in neutral oak puncheons for 10 months. We strive to make a Trousseau that's the truest expression of the fruit. That's why we've chosen to not fine or filter this wine, and to bottle it with moderate levels of sulfur.

## THE VINTAGE

The weather pattern of 2021 was determined by warmer than normal temps and long dry spells punctuated by short rains. Bud break occurred in early April, a few weeks ahead of schedule, and the vines stayed ahead of schedule from there on out. Mixed rains and heat spikes in June decreased yields, while July and August stayed warm and dry. Early September introduced a change in temperature pattern that brought balance to the vintage. Low night-time temperatures preserved the fragile acidity of the grapes, and cool mornings allowed the sugars to rise slowly while flavors developed. Picking commenced on September 10th and concluded October 1. The 2021 wines taste dynamic and interesting already, a true reflection of the year.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Aged:	Neutral large-format puncheons
Production in cases:	398
Bottling date:	April 2023
Appellation:	Dundee Hills, Oregon
pH:	3.80
Total acidity:	5.8 g/L
Residual sugar	0.0
Alcohol % by volume	13.12
Estate Vineyard	Sisters
Acres	1.7

