



# 2022 La Spirale Vineyard Pinot Noir

Ribbon Ridge AVA

## Vineyard Description

La Spirale means the vortex; a symbol of life, creation, and the natural formative forces that guide our hands in our agricultural and winemaking pursuits at Bergström Wines. It is also the name of our newest estate vineyard on the Ribbon Ridge AVA, just a stone's throw from our Le Pré du Col Vineyard and within eyesight of the winery on the Chehalem Mountains AVA. This complex and beautifully positioned Southwest facing 22-acre rolling slope includes more than 14 different marine sedimentary soil expressions. Planted by the Redman family and purchased by our family in 2018.

## 2022 Vintage

After spring frost challenges that resulted in significant yield reduction, the 2022 vintage release is a testament to the resilience of the Willamette Valley. A serendipitous course to a triumphant harvest yielded a limited yet precious vintage of intensely colored, aromatic, youthfully enticing Pinot Noirs with structured acidity and minerality, heightened concentration, and coiled complexity that, with time, will unfurl to reveal veiled layers of depth.

## Farming

- Biodynamic since inception.
- Soils: 14 unique marine sedimentary soil expressions.
- Exposures: Southwest at 400-450 feet of elevation.
- Vine Age: Up to 19 years.
- Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir.
- Balanced and varied field clonal selection.

## Winemaking

- Harvest Dates: October 9-15 2022.
- Whole-cluster fermentation in small, open-top vessels.
- Aged on natural lees in 10-15% new 228L French oak barrels.
- 100% malolactic and alcoholic fermentation (no residual sugars or malic acids).
- Unfined.
- Alcohol: 13.4% | pH: 3.84 | TA (g/L): 5.4

## Winemaker Notes

It is a lovely dark cherry color. A complex floral bouquet and spice cabinet aroma burst from the glass, but also present are sanguine and meaty notes intertwined with a pronounced, saline sea-breeze-inspired mineral component reminiscent of oyster shell but also citrus oils and fruits. Some of the many elements perceived in the perfume are roses, rare woods, oak barrel spice, citrus, and orchard fruits. The palate is youthful, fresh, and bursting with bright raspberry, Hood strawberries, and bright red cherries. It is a succulent and juicy bowl of fresh fruits sprinkled with flower blossoms that makes you salivate long after you have tasted the wine. Drink Now-2034+.

