



2022 Le Pré du Col Vineyard Pinot Noir

Ribbon Ridge AVA

Vineyard Description

The first Ribbon Ridge AVA estate that we were honored to add to our portfolio. This magnificent 16-acre marine-sedimentary shallow sandy soil terroir is owned by the Hill family and farmed by Bergström Wines in partnership since its inception. Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from this amazing site are known for their depth of spice, rare woods, incense and oceanic salinity aromatics and for their rich textural layers of fruited spice and earthy minerality. These are seriously age-worthy wines.

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: Marine sedimentary sandy soils on shale and siltstone bedrock.
- Exposures: Due South at 400 feet.
- Vines Age: Up to 18 years.
- Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir.
- Balanced and varied field clonal selection.

Winemaking

- Harvest Dates: October 4-14 2022.
- Whole-cluster fermentation in open-top, stainless steel fermentation tanks.
- 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: 13.2% | pH: 3.77 | TA (g/L): 5.3

Winemaker Notes

A fresh, vibrant, youthful violet, ruby red cherry color. Aromas are bright and of fresh red and dark red fruits, cherry candy, bonbon Anglaise, salted sweet candies, violets, marionberries, blueberries, and gorgeous salinity. It dances across the palate in an irresistibly jazzy and tangy way. Beautiful and drinkable now, but also lots of darker notes, intrigue, and structure that begs you to age this wine to see how its peacock's tail will unfold over the next three, five, seven, ten years, or more! With time, this will be an absolute stunner. Drink Now-2034+.

