

2020

## DIVISION GAMAY NOIR “RENARDIÈRE”

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BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	GAMAY NOIR	ALC	13.3%
APPELLATION	EOLA-AMITY HILLS	PH	3.42
VINEYARD	REDFORD-WETLE VINEYARD	PRODUCTION	50 CASES
AGEING	10 MONTHS FRENCH BURGUNDY OAK BARRELS		



### VINTAGE RECAP

The 2020 vintage created some unique challenges for the entire West Coast, most notably the wildfires that plagued parts of Oregon and California.

The vintage was definitely a major challenge for our entire Willamette Valley community, and we were no different, the smoke that was in the Willamette Valley had an effect on some of our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, but thankfully we were largely spared with the Gamay lots. We believe this was because of both geographic locations of these sites and that the Gamay grapes were less ripe than the other varieties at the time of the fires, and thus didn't have as much smoke penetration in the skins of the fruit. We felt that all of the Gamay lots ended up quite nicely, and the Redford-Wetle block was the standout of the vintage - a true testament to the power of diversification of plantings in our region.

### WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

Typically, for our Redford-Wetle ferment, we employ a 50/50 destemmed to whole cluster mix. However, because of the 2020 unknowns, we decided to destem most of the fruit and still utilized our favorite approach of a pied de cuve build-up (early harvest grapes) used for harnessing the native yeasts on the site. We kept the skin time relatively short and the ferment warm to bring in more red fruit character and lessen the possibility of smoke tones, which really worked! The resultant lower tannin extraction with loads of savory fruit tones reminds us of some of our favorite Gamay wines and given the challenges, a very nice vintage.

### TASTING NOTES

An absolute stunner that defies the 2020 vintage. There is no smoke influence to be found. We're incredibly proud of this wine as it stands tall as a reason for diversifying plantings in the Willamette Valley, specifically Gamay as it does so well in our ever-changing climate. The wine features Gamay-distinctive strawberries coated in mineral-laden dark mineral tones. We are just really happy this wine shows there were some really bright spots in 2020.