

2021

DIVISION PINOT NOIR "DEUX"

A crown jewel of the 2021 vintage.

Single-site Pinot from one of the absolute best vineyards in the U.S.

BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	PINOT NOIR 100%	ALC	12.9%
APPELLATION	EOLA-AMITY HILLS	PH	3.65
VINEYARD	EOLA SPRINGS - 1972 BLOCK & FARMHOUSE BLOCK (PLANTED 1980)	PRODUCTION	205 CASES
AGEING	10 MONTHS FRENCH OAK AND BARRELS		
SOIL SERIES	MARINE SEDIMENTARY OVER BASALT		



VINTAGE RECAP

The 2021 vintage in the Northwest was pretty typical except for one glaring gigantic difference.

In late June, we experienced an unprecedented heat dome that brought temperatures up to 120+ degrees for 2 days with lower 100s on the shoulders. Our young vines behaved with surprising resilience, but the heat evaporated a lot of moisture from the soils early in the season. We lost some baby vines and anxiously watched the rest of the season, wondering how our dry farmed sites would handle the drought conditions. Thankfully, just the right amount of early season rain came in early September and the weather was pleasant the rest of the harvest.

WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

The Pinot Noir vines at Eola Springs Vineyard are some of the oldest in the Willamette Valley - part of our block is 50 years old. The old vines lead to consistency in the fruit quality and coupled with impeccable Biodynamic-principled farming, we are able to produce one of our most distinctive wines. We do not use any punchdown tools and rarely use a pump in the management of our native fermentations for this wine. The site necessitates gentle extraction to coax the nuanced characteristics necessary to meet our expectations and the site's potential. After ageing in a mix of carefully selected neutral and new barrels, the wine is blended after 10 months and bottled shortly after. Outside of a small sulfite addition, this wine is free from additives, fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

Sometimes even we say WOW! The balance of savory, fruit, acidity and tannin are all there and our style founded on texture in the wine is clearly in place. Brimming in briny-covered red fruits, the wine is classic Pinot meant for a long future. We look forward to watching this wine evolve for many years to come, but will happily enjoy this early drinking window.