

2021

## DIVISION PINOT NOIR "UN"

A new chapter of Pinot greatness after the very challenging 2020 vintage.

BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	PINOT NOIR 100%	ALC	12.9%
APPELLATION	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	PH	3.62
VINEYARDS	CASSIN 49%   JOHAN 21%   EOLA SPRINGS 16%   ARMSTRONG 12%   TEMPERANCE HILL 2%	PRODUCTION	1075 CASES
AGEING	10 MONTHS FRENCH OAK BARRELS & PUNCHEONS		
SOIL SERIES	VOLCANIC BASALT, MARINE SEDIMENTARY & FRAGMENTED GRANITE		



### 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

In a region so well known for Pinot Noir, the challenge is creating a distinct voice that speaks to our vision of this legendary grape. Matching the right approach to the site and vintage is key. In general, we use a lot of whole clusters to create spice and less predictable characteristics in the wine. Each of the fermentations is made without commercial yeasts and we typically create a "pied de cuve" from each of the sites harvested. Ageing occurs mostly in traditional French oak Burgundy barrels, but a bit of Austrian oak is used too. Blending is the key and we believe is one of our greatest strengths in winemaking. We make a small sulfur addition with the blending and the wine is bottled and blended without fining or filtration.

### TASTING NOTES

We are thrilled with the 2021 Pinot Noir "Un" which just screams "PINOT NOIR" out of the glass. A near-perfect harmony between savory and fruity characteristics. The aromatics are pure heather, cherry, and mineral tones that lure you in. The palate is dense in fruit and character with balanced tannins and acidity that carry the wine completely and seductively to smiles and enjoyment. Drink up now or hold for days. months, years!