

2021

DIVISION "TULIPS"

Biodynamic carbonic Chardonnay and Pinot Noir co-ferment with elegant florality.

BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	PINOT NOIR 75% CHARDONNAY 25%	ALC	13%
APPELLATION	VAN DUZER CORRIDER	PH	3.66
VINEYARD	JOHAN VINEYARD	PRODUCTION	96 CASES
AGEING	10 MONTHS NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK		



VINTAGE RECAP

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

In late June in the Willamette Valley, 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.

We have been making wine from the Johan Vineyard, in the Van Duzer AVA, since 2013 and have fallen hard for the vineyard's commitment to the most forward-thinking Biodynamic vineyard practices. The wines made from the 80-acre Johan site are truly distinctive due to the farming techniques and geologic influences, translating into something special in the bottle!

WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

We utilized the pied de cuve (vineyard native yeast cultivation) build-up, a technique that we now use for nearly all of our ferments. The Pinot Noir component (75%) was left whole cluster and the Chardonnay component (25%) destemmed, which resulted in a somewhat semi-carbonic fermentation. We feel that the fermentation method and varietal co-ferment resulted in a gorgeously complex wine. Aged for 10 months in three neutral Burgundy barrels (228 liters), this wine only sees only a miniscule amount of sulfur added one time just before the wine bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 "Tulips" is a mineral-forward style wine that has true umami characteristics and is both fruity and savory at the same time, which we absolutely love! Along with notes of stewed strawberries, blood orange, and a touch of wet flinty rock, the wine also has a light and elegant floral streak and a touch of spiciness along with Johan's distinct menthol and rhubarb notes. Drink now or hold for a few years, we are just loving where this wine is headed.