

2022

DIVISION-VILLAGES “MÉTHODE CARBONIQUE”

Crunchy red fruit, to borrow a perfect term!

BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	PINOT NOIR 100%	ALC	12%
APPELLATION	WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA	PH	3.83
AGEING	6 MONTHS CONCRETE TANK AND NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK BARRELS	PRODUCTION	373 CASES



VINTAGE RECAP

The last handful of growing seasons has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs and everything in between. 2022 was no different.

April was dramatic, to say the least. Bud break ensued for many of grape varieties in early April, and then a massive cold front brought very late-season snow and ice and caused widespread frost damage on many of the early buds. The rest of April and into June stayed rainy and unseasonably cool. Seriously behind at this point, many of us pondered if this growing season was done before it started. And then things changed. The sun came up, and the days warmed. The summer was ideal for the Northwest and slowly our spirits rose, but the nagging question remained, what will happen during the early fall? The weather held until October 16, enough time for us to harvest our sites in near-perfect conditions and with near-perfect ripeness.

Our three vineyards that make up “Méthode Carbonique” all come from the famed Willamette Valley, including the anchor Cassin Vineyard, which we have farmed organically for four years now. Harvest was late, but dry and conditions were ideal, as were the lovely Pinot Noir grapes.

WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

“Méthode Carbonique” is made entirely from the whole cluster carbonic maceration approach, most commonly associated with Gamay winemaking in the Beaujolais. We find this style works wonderfully with some of our Pinot noir sites and makes a wine that is perfectly approachable, fun, and purely Pinot.

TASTING NOTES

“Cold boiling Pinot” is Kate’s go-to phrase when describing this wine, and that just might be the simplest and best way to explain this explosion of yumminess. We are longtime fans of carbonic maceration, AKA Méthode Carbonique, and have been working hard to hone this amplifier for red berry deliciousness that screams PINOT NOIR for over a decade. This wine hits a perfect spot with its roasted strawberries, sarsaparilla, and a hint of forest floor.