

2022

DIVISION PINOT NOIR “UN”

A balanced and nuanced Pinot Noir that we simply adore.

BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	PINOT NOIR	ALC	13.1%
APPELLATION	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	PH	3.76
VINEYARDS	CASSIN 60% JUBILEE 15% ARMSTRONG 10% JOHAN 6% EOLA SPRINGS 5% TEMPERANCE HILL 4%	PRODUCTION	1802 CASES
AGEING	8 MONTHS FRENCH OAK BARRELS & PUNCHEONS THEN 2 MONTHS IN CONCRETE		



VINTAGE RECAP

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

Bud break proceeded in early April, then a massive cold front came through in late April and brought snow and ice, causing widespread frost damage on many of the early buds. The weather stayed rainy and unseasonably cool into June. With primary buds all but gone, this put us seriously behind at that point in the growing season, leaving us pondering if the vintage was done before it even started.

Then the sun came out, the days warmed, and our resilient vines found a way to thrive and grow. The summer was ideal and slowly our spirits rose, but what would happen in early fall? Lucky for all of us, the good weather held until mid-October, providing enough time for us to harvest all of our sites with near-perfect conditions and ripeness.

The 2022 Pinot noir “Un” is anchored by Cassin Vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton, a site we took over farming in 2018 and have farmed organically since, and this bottling is also supported by five other top Willamette Valley Pinot Noir sites, including Temperance Hill, Johan and Jubilee to name a few, making it a top snapshot into the growing season through the lens of this region’s most famous grape.

WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

All the separate Pinot noir lots were fermented either spontaneously or via a pied de cuve (vineyard native yeast cultivation) build up. We utilized varying techniques, including a significant portions of whole cluster in some of the Cassin, Eola Springs and Armstrong ferments and an all whole cluster carbonic fermentation from both Johan and Cassin Vineyards. This range aims to diversify the styles and texture of the juice and provide more spice, nuance and nerve in the wine. The Old World dynamics of 2022 play well with our winemaking style - really shining through in this bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Back-to-back cool climate years have graced us with a balanced and nuanced Pinot noir that we simply adore. The aromatics are savory and significant while ethereal at the same time. A deep spicy, earthy undertone on the nose of the wine is followed by ripe rhubarb-strawberry crumble and cardamom on the palate, which is lithe and unique with a balance of fresh herbs and minerality. This wine really delivers for a base-level Pinot. Drink up now or wait a few months, years, etc., but don’t miss this one!