

2023

DIVISION PINOT NOIR “UN”

A balanced and nuanced Pinot Noir that we simply adore.

BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	PINOT NOIR	ALC	13.6%
APPELLATION	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	PH	3.75
VINEYARDS	CASSIN 68% JUBILEE 14% ARMSTRONG 6% JOHAN 5% TSAI 3% TEMPERANCE HILL 3%	PRODUCTION	1585 CASES
AGEING	9 MONTHS FRENCH OAK BARRELS & PUNCHEONS THEN 2 MONTHS IN CONCRETE		



VINTAGE RECAP

The 2023 vintage started near the historical averages for the first time in many years. After a pleasant and dry start, May brought prolonged precipitation into early June, which slowed things down on the growth side. As soon as it dried out in early June, the season remained mostly dry and quite warm until early September. While there were definitely some hot stretches, which is quite normal in the Pacific NW during the summer, the heat waves were less extreme than in recent years like 2021.

The fall harvest continued the trend of the vintage of near historical averages and we picked most of our Chardonnay during the second and third week of September with ideal conditions. If there was ever a year that hit the historic Willamette Valley climate norms, which almost never happens, this was it!

The Pinot Noir harvested in 2023, despite being picked nearly two weeks earlier on average than 2022 was slightly riper than in 2022, especially on the acidity side, which was a bit lower than we typically see at similar ripeness. The resulting harvest gave us grapes with a

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 lots, but with the softer acids this vintage, our favored technique this year was to destem more of the Pinot Noir in order to preserve acidity, as whole cluster ferments tend to lose acidity with due to higher potassium levels. Our main objective is diversify the styles and texture of the wines in order to provide more complexity, nuance and nerve in the wine. We believe our choices will favor our goals to retain more savouriness and Old World rusticity in the

TASTING NOTES

What a lovely vintage 2023 turned out to be and our first vintage in many years that danced on the historic growing norms. This year's Pinot Noir "Un" is all classic Pinot – red fruited and a dense mineral undertone on the nose of the wine is followed on the palate with ripe strawberry, cherry compote and an earthy forest floor savory character. This wine is true classic and over delivers for a base-level Pinot. Drink up now or wait a few months, years, etc., this wine has plenty of life to give!