

OREGON

IRIS WILLAMETTE 'C BLOCK' PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

PINOT NOIR



The History

The 2022 vintage had slightly warmer than average growing conditions following a warmer than average 2021 and 2020. Budbreak occurred in the third week of April just a few days earlier than average for our vineyard. Like many other vineyards in the Willamette Valley our estate vineyard suffered some frost damage in April and again in May. These frosts killed many of the primary buds so we relied on the secondary and tertiary buds to push, hoping they would be fruitful. Bloom occurred in the middle of July with favorable weather conditions, which led, to our surprise, to a near average fruit set and berry size. From there on the season was near average in terms of precipitation and temperature. The fall ripening period was nearly ideal with warm days, cool nights and little rain. The concerns about the effect of the frost on the vines and fruit quality seem to have been un-



The Grape

100% Pinot Noir



Tasting Note

In creating this blend the intent is to maintain a consistent style which is full bodied, rich, fruit forward and with a stronger French oak influence than we have on any of our other Pinot Noirs. The grapes for this wine were harvested at peak maturity. The fruit was destemmed to 1 ¼ ton fermenters which were then allowed to cold soak for one day prior to starting fermentation. Once fermentation was complete, the must was pressed and the wine transferred to tank for a day of settling before being racked to barrel. The wine remained in barrel for about 10 months before bottling.

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