



Sokol Blosser

DUNDEE HILLS, OREGON

Est. 1971

2012 ORCHARD BLOCK PINOT NOIR



*"The pioneering winery Sokol Blosser added no new vineyards, but a **new generation** seems to have rediscovered its mojo. The lineup of 2012s, the strongest in years, includes the fresh, vibrant Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Orchard Block (93, \$70), light on its feet but dense with plum and currant fruit."*

-- Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator, Jan '15

Wine Spectator -- 93 points

Wine Enthusiast -- 91 points

Wine Advocate -- 90+ points

Tanzer's IWC -- 91 points

We are making our **2012 Orchard Block Pinot Noir** available to key accounts for the first time since our 2001 single blocks were last available to the market. Due to replanting our estate vineyard from 1998 to 2011, our single block production has ranged from limited to none. Now, mature and back in full production, we are pleased to share these limited production and distinct expressions of our extraordinary estate vineyard blocks in custom six-bottle wooden boxes.

Established on six acres of the Sokol Blosser estate that used to be an orchard of plum trees intended for prunes, our Orchard Block was given its name because, as Susan Sokol Blosser said, "Prune Block" just doesn't sound as appealing. The block is planted to a single clone of Pinot Noir, Dijon 777 in the famous clay loam Jory soil.

Our 2012 Orchard Block Pinot Noir exhibits a velvety structure with rounded red fruit characteristics representative of the 2012 vintage, and showcases flavors of dense earth, mocha and closes with a subtle spicy minerality.

VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

"This was a great vintage. Period. I will likely never see another vintage like this in my lifetime," says Winemaker Alex Sokol Blosser. "Growing & harvest conditions were ideal as we had a cool, wet spring with a dry, warm summer."

WINEMAKING

Appellation: Dundee Hills

Handpicked, handsorted and carefully destemmed

Made with 100% organic grapes, certified by the Oregon Department of Agriculture

100% barrel-aged in French oak for 17 months with 42% new barrels

14.5% alcohol by volume | 300 cases produced

10- to 15-year lifespan in a proper cellar



In 1971, the Sokol Blosser family planted grapes on just five acres in the Dundee Hills. As one of the pioneering wineries of the region, Sokol Blosser has played a key role in developing and shaping the now-prominent Oregon wine industry. The winery is family owned and operated, with the second generation now at the helm: siblings Alex and Alison Sokol Blosser. The estate has grown to more than 86 acres under cultivation, and the winery works to create wines of world-class quality, produced in a sustainable manner, which reflect the distinctive flavors of the grapes, soil and climate. Cheers!