

Avery Alexander Croft Vineyard, Willamette Valley, Oregon Pinot Noir

Our story began in 1971 when our parents, Susan Sokol and Bill Blosser, first planted vines in Oregon's Dundee Hills. As second generation winegrowers, we are passionately committed to our family's legacy of creating world-class wines, through sustainable methods, which express our distinctive hillside vineyards. — Alex, Alison, & Nik Sokol Blosser

Siblings and Second Generation Winegrowers

VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

2023

2023 was a return to normal. Early spring in the Willamette Valley was wet and cool, with warmer than usual temperatures in May. As a result, bud break was late and bloom was advanced. This made for one of the shortest periods ever from bud break to bloom across most growing regions in Oregon. Summer temperatures across Oregon were dry and warm, with the heat driving a uniform bloom across the Willamette Valley. Through July, temperatures were consistently warm but not overly hot. That heat wave would arrive on August 13th through the 16th and propelled the growing season forward. The warm temperatures led to an early harvest in the Willamette Valley, starting right after the first week of September. The resulting fruit was excellent, with the heat in August producing grapes with nice, full flavors.

HARVEST DATE October 1st

WINEMAKING Hand-harvested 70% destemmed, 30% whole cluster 3-ton stainless steel tanks 12 days fermenting Punch-downs for destemmed, pumpovers for whole cluster AGING

10 months 5% new, 14% once-used, 81% neutral French oak barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME 13.5%

<u>APPELLATION</u> Mt Pisgah,

Willamette Valley, Oregon <u>VINEYARD</u> Croft Vineyard, planted 2005 <u>SOIL</u> Bellpine (marine sedimentary) <u>ELEVATION</u>

400ft

VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir

<u>CLONE</u> Pommard

FARMING PRACTICES Certified Organic

BOTTLED August 2024

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN 10-12 years

PRODUCTION 400 cases

INGREDIENTS Pinot Noir grapes, yeast, SO2

5-50Z SERVINGS PER CONT. Calories: 115, Carbohydrates: 3.5g, Fat: 0g, Protein: 0g

<u>UPC</u> 88473-28379

PROFILE

Subtly red fruited, with pie cherries, raspberry, and cranberry notes contributing delicate acidity. Round tannins deliver seamless structure and balance on the mid-palate. A subtle note of cola highlights the long, satisfying finish.

SCORES

92 points - Wine Spectator

STORY

The Sokol Blosser family legacy is sealed under cork. Our passion is to discover and select the finest vineyard sites throughout the Willamette Valley to bring you Pinot Noir in its purest expression. Named after members of our 2nd and 3rd generations, Avery Alexander represents a tradition of excellence, carrying on a pioneering spirit ignited in 1971. In sourcing grapes for this wine we had the privilege to work with Croft Vineyards, a fellow second-generation family-owned vineyard, located in the southwest corner of Salem.



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