



## Dundee Hills, Oregon Estate Pinot Noir

2020

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 Sokol Blosser

### VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

2020 will always be remembered as a year of epic challenges. For the grapes, a cold wet spring hindered fruit development during bloom and thus gave us the smallest crop since 1998. An exceptionally light crop level historically leads to exceptionally good quality. Loose clusters with big and small berries “hens and chicks,” as we call them, often leads to dark color and richer and more intense flavors.

We began harvest on September 3rd and had a good week of bringing in most of our grapes for sparkling wine and all our Pinot Noir for our Rosé program. Then, the winds changed and the fires started. For around seven days a thick fog of smoke hung over Sokol Blosser and the Willamette Valley. During that time the sun was covered, all photosynthesis stopped and the grapes' development stalled. The smoke event ended in an amazing fury of lightening, thunder, and 1" of rain on the night of September 17th. We then waited for the grapes' development to progress, taking samples and doing micro-ferments to test for smoke effect. Proceeding slowly and carefully once full maturation had been achieved, we harvested the remainder of our estate fruit feeling incredibly lucky and optimistic.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully hand harvested and then hand sorted to remove any flawed bunches and de-stemmed directly into 3-ton fermenters. Fermentation took place over 10 days with cap management by pump overs. The wine was pressed off immediately at dryness then barreled, aging for 15 months in 100% French oak barrels with less than 15% new oak.

### TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine expresses notes of black cherry, strawberry, flint and mushroom, rounded out by notes of forest floor, baking spice and leather. The palate largely matches the nose, though the leather and mushroom rise more to the forefront.

### PAIRINGS

This wine pairs beautifully with bbq chicken, cedar plank salmon, and lamb a la plancha.

### SCORES

2019 - (93) James Suckling, (91) Wine Spectator, (92) Vinous  
2018 - (93) James Suckling, (90) Wine Spectator



#### APPELLATION

100% Dundee Hills AVA

#### BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir | 100% Estate Grown

#### CLONES

667, 777, Pommard UCD4, Wadenswil 2A, Gamay Beaujolais Type Pinot Noir, & Pinot Droit

#### AGE OF VINES

Planted in 1998-2009

#### BOTTLED

April 2022

#### BRIX AT HARVEST

24-25°

#### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5%

#### PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

~10 - 15 Years

#### PRODUCTION

3301 Cases

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$42