



Big Tree Block Estate Pinot Noir Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021

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

2021 was the 2nd warmest growing season we have ever seen since 2015. We also got to add a new term to the dictionary: "Heat Dome". Three straight days of triple digit temperatures in late June breaking heat records for the Willamette Valley! Bud break started like usual in the middle of April. We had the driest March through May that the Willamette Valley has seen through 128 years of record keeping! Bloom also appeared on time in early/mid June. While late June brought the "Heat Dome", our grapes made it through thanks to bloom being finished at all our sites and there still being soil moisture, so they grew like crazy over those three days of hellish temperatures. While July and August turned out to be exceedingly hot and dry, September arrived with little rain which that allowed us to fully ripen the grapes. The hot and dry summer made for fruit that was extremely clean, resulting in for excellent fermentations. All in all, mother nature gave us something to be grateful for on our 50th anniversary.

- Winemaker Robin Howell

HARVEST DATE

September 13th and 21st

WINEMAKING

3-ton stainless steel tanks
Ambient and native Sokol A
yeast fermentation
Punch-downs
No extended maceration

AGING

16 months
15% new French oak barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13%

APPELLATION

Dundee Hills,
Willamette Valley, Oregon

SOIL

Jory (volcanic)

ELEVATION

450 - 500ft

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

CLONES

777 & 115

AGE OF VINES

Replanted in 2000

FARMING PRACTICES

Certified Organic

BOTTLED

February 2023

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

10-15 years

PRODUCTION

483 cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$75

UPC

88473-98502

WINE PROFILE

Our 2021 Big Tree Block Pinot Noir has fresh pomegranate, dark cherry, and a slight floral presence on the nose. On the palate, pomegranate and dark cherry continue with rhubarb coming to the forefront followed by a lovely long finish.

SCORES

(92) Vinous (91) Wine Enthusiast

THE STORY

What is a boy to do when his favorite climbing tree is ruthlessly chopped down by his father in the name of grape growing? Well, Alex Sokol Blosser is still trying to figure that one out. Until then, Alex drinks Big Tree Pinot Noir and thinks about climbing the strong limbs of a solitary, beautiful, and graceful Big Leaf Maple Tree that used to lie smack dab in the middle of a block of Pinot Noir. Big Tree is strong like its namesake with the most powerful tannins of any Pinot Noir coming off our estate. Shallow soil on this site makes the vines struggle more than the rest of our vineyard and produces strength in the wine.

