

# 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 excellent fermentations. All in all, mother nature gave us something to be grateful for on our 50th anniversary.

### **HARVEST DATE**

September 2021

# **WINEMAKING**

3-ton stainless steel tanks & 2.5-ton wooden uprights Ambient yeast fermentation Punch-downs

No extended maceration

# <u>AGING</u>

16 months 20% new French oak barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5%

### <u>APPELLATION</u>

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon

#### SOIL

Jory (volcanic)

# **ELEVATION**

300 - 550ft

### **VARIETAL**

100% Pinot Noir

#### **CLONES**

667, 777, Pommard UCD4, Wadenswil 2A, Twelve Row Clone Pinot Noir, & Pinot Droit

# FARMING PRACTICES

**Certified Organic** 

## <u>BOTTLED</u>

March 2023

#### PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

10-15 years

### **PRODUCTION**

4,600 cases

## SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$45

# **TASTING NOTES**

On the nose, the 2021 Dundee Hills Pinot Noir shows notes of black cherry and raspberry accompanied by leather. On the palate, the fruit remains the same but is joined by black pepper and clove.

### **PAIRINGS**

This wine pairs beautifully with seared salmon, mushroom risotto, as well as grilled lamb with herbs.

### **SCORES**

(93) James Suckling, (92) Decanter, (92) Jeb Dunnuck, (92) Wine Spectator,

(91) Wine Enthusiast, (90) Vinous

### THE STORY

Our Dundee Hills Pinot Noir epitomizes everything Sokol Blosser has stood for in over 51 years of winegrowing in Oregon. Crafted to be a true expression of terroir from our hillside vines and Jory soil, this wine is made from a low yield crop that is dry-farmed for quality.





