



## Orchard Block Estate Pinot Noir Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2022

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.

#### HARVEST DATE

September 25th

#### WINEMAKING

3-ton stainless steel tanks  
and up-right oak fermenters  
Ambient yeast fermentation  
Punch-downs  
No extended maceration

#### AGING

16 months  
17% new French oak barrels

#### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13%

#### APELLATION

Dundee Hills,  
Willamette Valley, Oregon

#### SOIL

Jory (volcanic)

#### ELEVATION

300 - 350ft

#### VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

#### CLONES

777 & 667

#### AGE OF VINES

Replanted in 2000

#### FARMING PRACTICES

Certified Organic

#### BOTTLED

February 2023

#### PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

10-15 years

#### PRODUCTION

597 cases

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$75

### WINE PROFILE

Orchard Block has bright notes of red cherry, red currant, and a touch of nutmeg on the nose. On the palate, the fruit continues with red cherry, raspberry, and red currants and a touch of clove. This is a delicate Pinot Noir with bright acidity with a medium finish.

### PAIRINGS

Orchard Block Pinot Noir pairs with a classic roasted turkey, creamy cacio e pepe, and the Oregon favorite, wild mushroom risotto.

### SCORES

92 points Wine Specator, 93 points Decanter, 91 points Vinous

### THE STORY

Is there a perfect looking vineyard site that produces a vine that looks like it is in perfect balance? If so, the 7 acres that make up the Orchard Block would be in the running for perfect looking vineyard. Balance is this sites middle name, and it's that balance that is the thread that runs through this wine each and every year. Tannins too big? Nope, just right. Too fruity? Nope, just right. Goldilocks would love this wine!

