



Dundee Hills, Oregon  
Estate Müller Thurgau

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 Sokol Blosser

## 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/April/May that the Valley has seen through 128 years of record keeping! Bloom, or flowering, 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. July and August turned out to be exceedingly hot and dry, thankfully September started off mild with a couple of rain events that allowed us to fully ripen the grapes. The hot and dry summer made for fruit that was extremely clean, making for excellent fermentations. All in all, mother nature gave us something to be grateful for on our 50th anniversary.

## WINEMAKING

Our Müller-Thurgau was harvested on September 16th at 20.4 brix, the ripest we have every seen! The fruit was sorted and pressed whole cluster, stopping the press cycle before any bitterness from the seeds and skins are extracted. We select a couple of yeasts that complement its aromatic and spicy characteristics. The wine is given a slow, cool fermentation; and to capture the youthful fruit and bright acid this wine offers, we aged the wine four 4 months in a stainless steel tank with no malolactic fermentation. Because of how ripe the fruit was at harvest, this year's vintage has an increased weight and more lush fruit notes. RS: 14 g/L

## WINE PROFILE

On the nose, the 2021 Muller Thurgau shows notes of banana and white peach, accompanied by white flowers and clean slate. The palate shines with fresh white peach, sweet lychee and more bright minerality.

## PAIRINGS

Pair this wine with a range of dishes from sushi, to wild mushroom tarts, or a creamy asparagus hollandaise.

## THE STORY

Our winemaker Alex's grandpa was a larger than life character, and he has many fond memories of his Grandpa Gus. From always mispronouncing his name as Alec, to the many hands of Gin Rummy they played, which he always lost. Alex never beat him. Not once. Gustave "Gus" Sokol also helped our founders, Susan and Bill, to get Sokol Blosser Winery off the ground in the early days with a loan and being the guarantor with the bank. This bottling is for Grandpa Gus. He loved Muller-Thurgau and is the reason we were the first commercial producers of this varietal in the United States. Hopefully future generations of Sokols and Blossers will continue to produce the favorite wine of Grandpa Gus., as it has also become a favorite of many of our loyal customers. We hope you like this wine, and just so you know, Alex has become a pretty good Gin player...



### APPELLATION

100% Dundee Hills AVA

### BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Müller-Thurgau

### AGE OF VINES

Planted in 2000

### BOTTLED

February 2022

### BRIX AT HARVEST

20.4°

### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

12.5%

### PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

~3 - 5 Years

### PRODUCTION

417 Cases

### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$32