



Watershed Block Estate Pinot Noir

2021

Our story began in 1971 when our parents, Susan Sokol and Bill Blosser, first planted vines in the now-famous Dundee Hills of Oregon's Willamette Valley. As second generation winegrowers, we are passionately committed to our family's legacy of creating world-class wines. Our wines are made from organic grapes, crafted sustainably with the environment at the forefront of our minds, that express the distinctive flavors of our 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.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine was farmed organically on our Estate, and was harvested at peak ripeness on September 23rd. The picked fruit was destemmed in 3-ton stainless steel fermenters and ambient fermentation was allowed to take place naturally with cap management by punch-downs. Once the fermentation process was finished, the wine was pressed off the skins at dryness and barreled down in 100% French oak barrels with 18% new oak and 64% neutral, and left to age for 16 months before bottling.

WINE PROFILE

Watershed is big and bold, with notes of bright intense red fruit. This is followed by a long finish with hints of cinnamon and tobacco.

PAIRINGS

Serve with classic smoked turkey and a blackberry sauce or roasted quail.

SCORES

93 points Wine Spectator

THE STORY

The Watershed Block Pinot Noir comes from fruit harvested off of a section of the vineyard planted by founders Bill and Susan Sokol Blosser in the early 70s. Although replanted in 2006/2009 on rootstock, cuttings from fruiting vines were taken from the original plantings and grafted onto rootstock for the replant.



APPELLATION

100% Dundee Hills AVA

BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir | 100% Estate Grown

CLONES

Wädenswil 2A & Pommard UCD4

AGE OF VINES

Replanted in 2006 & 2009

BOTTLED

February 2023

BRIX AT HARVEST

23.2-23.8°

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5%

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

10-15 Years

PRODUCTION

535 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$75