



Watershed 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

What started as a dry winter turned into a deluge of rain in the springtime. We had the wettest and coldest April/May/June in recorded (130 years) history. Freezing temperatures on the morning of April 14th and 15th knocked back the fragile new growth and we thought our crop yields would be down by 50-60%. In over 51 years of growing grapes here in the Dundee Hills we have never seen a freezing event during the growing season, so we had no idea what was going to happen. The primary buds froze and died, but the secondary buds came on, produced fewer but larger clusters, and the vines made a miraculous comeback. We had the 2nd warmest and driest summer on record, and then we got to October. Everything depended on good ripening conditions in the month of October since bloom was much later. Fortunately we got the warmest October in Oregon history, we were able to let the grapes hang, and the rains stayed put until all our Estate fruit was in on Thursday, October 27th. The fruit got nice and ripe, and we are thrilled with the wine produced from this vintage!

<u>HARVEST DATE</u> October 17th	<u>APPELLATION</u> Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon	<u>BOTTLED</u> February 2024
<u>WINEMAKING</u> 100% destemmed 3-ton stainless steel tanks Ambient yeast fermentation Punch-downs No extended maceration	<u>SOIL</u> Jory (volcanic) <u>ELEVATION</u> 550ft <u>VARIETAL</u> 100% Pinot Noir	<u>PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN</u> 10-15 years <u>PRODUCTION</u> 490 cases <u>SUGGESTED RETAIL</u> \$75
<u>AGING</u> 16 months 20% new, 20% once used, 60% neutral French oak barrels	<u>CLONES</u> Wadenswil & Pommard <u>AGE OF VINES</u> Replanted 2006 & 2009	<u>INGREDIENTS</u> Estate grown Pinot Noir grapes, tartaric acid, SO2 <u>5-5OZ SERVINGS PER CONT.</u> Calories: 124, Carbohydrates: 3.5g, Fat: 0g, Protein: 0g
<u>ALCOHOL BY VOLUME</u> 14.5%	<u>FARMING PRACTICES</u> Certified Organic	<u>UPC</u> 88473-82565

WINE PROFILE

Our 2022 Watershed has notes of bright red fruit and classic stone fruit. On the finish, you will find sautéed mushroom and medium tannins.

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.

