

Kalita Vineyard Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton, Willamette Valley, Oregon **2022**

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

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!

APPELLATION

Yamhill-Carlton,

SOIL

ELEVATION

VARIETAL

CLONE

115, 777

100% Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley, Oregon

525-750 feet elevation

Goodin (marine sedimentary)

Pommard, Wadenswil, 114,

HARVEST DATE September 21st - 24th

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested 4% whole cluster, 96% destemmed 3-ton stainless steel tanks Ambient and native house yeast Punch downs for cap management

<u>AGING</u> 10 months 20% new French oak

<u>BOTTLED</u> September 2023

WINE PROFILE

An abundance of black fruit with blackberry, black currants, and black cherry with fresh blossom. A big, rich Pinot Noir with a perfect balance between fruit and tannins.

SCORES

94 points & Publisher's Pick - The Somm Journal, 94 points - Tasting Panel, 92 points James Suckling, 92 points & Critic's Choice - Northwest Wine Report

THE STORY

Kalita Estate Vineyard is located in the heart of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Willamette Valley. This stunning, bowl-shaped vineyard was planted in 2000 by Arthur and Sherry Kalita; it is currently LIVE certified and we are transitioning the vineyard to organic certification.









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FARMING PRACTICES

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

Grown organically (certification in progress)

14.5%

\$45

UPC

10-15 years

PRODUCTION

88473-62021

SUGGESTED RETAIL

3000 cases