

Willamette Valley, Oregon Redland Cuvée Pinot Noir **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 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.

WINEMAKING

Over a few days in September the grapes were carefully harvested from our own Dundee Hills and Kalita vineyards, as well as Croft Vineyards. The grapes were 100% destemmed and fermented in 3-ton stainless steel tanks and left to ambient soak for 7 days. Fermentation commenced using 60% ambient yeast and 40% commercial with cap management by punch downs. This wine was aged in French oak barrels for 16 months with 10% new oak, 10% used, and 80% neutral oak.

WINE PROFILE

On the nose, Redland Cuvée shows red raspberry, rhubarb, and pomegranate. This is accentuated on the palate by currant and baking spices. The fruit on the palate remains fresh and bright.

PAIRINGS

This wine pairs well with classic BBQ, as well as Cedar plank salmon.

STORY

Our Redland Cuvée is an homage to our original Pinot Noir that we began producing in the 80s. It is named Redland after the famous Jory soil that the vines grew in; an intense, mineral-rich soil that came from ancient volcanic deposits in the Dundee Hills. Its high iron content gives the earth a rusty hue, thus the hills are often referred to as the "Red Hills". Our Redland Cuvée is an inclusive blend of Pinot Noir sourced from our Estate vineyards across the Willamette Valley, bringing together distinct AVAs and soil types to create a symphony in wine that is made, oak aged, and bottled in the beautiful Red Hills that we call home.

SCORES

2020 - (90) Wine Spectator 2019 - (92) James Suckling, (90) Vinous, (90) Wine Enthusiast



APPELLATIONS Willamette Valley AVA

CLONES

667, 777, Pommard, Wadensville, 12Row, Pinot Droit

> BRIX AT HARVEST 22-24°

> > BOTTLED March 2023

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN \sim 4-5 years

PRODUCTION 1,460 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL \$34