RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA
WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.7% | **TA** - 5.6 g/L | **pH** - 3.57

AGING - 9 months 38% new, 11% 1-yr, 51% neutral French oak | 15% whole cluster fermentation

CLONES - 72% Pommard/Wädenswil, 28% Dijon 667/777

VINES - 50% 40-yr-old own-rooted, 50% 19-yr-old

PRODUCTION - 471 cases

RELEASE - September 2024 | **ENJOY** - Now-2033 & beyond

93 - VINOUS | 91 - JEB DUNNUCK | 90 - WINE ENTHUSIAST

Ridgecrest Vineyards is dry-farmed sustainably according to LIVE (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) standards.
Established - 1980 | Planted - 1982 - current
Elevation - 480 - 690ft | Acreage - 120 total | 41 planted
Of those planted acres, almost 25 are Pinot Noir, including Pommard (52%), Wadenswil (16%) and Dijon Clones 115 (10%), 667 (11%) & 777 (11%). The earliest plantings, own-rooted vines planted in 1982

LIVE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Ridgecrest Estate Pinot from 2022 is a complex and elegant blend of all our favorite blocks of Pinot in the Estate. The nose has dusty marionberry, blueberry cobbler, slate, and pencil shavings in multi-layered harmony. On the palate we are greeted with density, velour-like tannins, and great lingering firmness, accented by blackberry, dried flowers, black tea, and cedar. This wine is beautiful, fresh and complex, with a deep core of lengthy tannins and mineral-driven earthy fruit. – *Wynne Peterson-Nedry*

VINTAGE NOTES

2022 restores your faith in Mother Nature's capacity to take a poor start and finish well, grape plants revealing their inherent resilience to rebound from nearly disastrous weather events. In late April, buds were open and vulnerable when a hard and killing freeze settled in. Normally, if vines are damaged, grapes rely on secondaries to replace primary buds. But, this time the extent of the damage was extensive, with secondaries damaged too, so that we anticipated only a yield of 40% of normal, approximately 1 ton per acre.

Growing season weather however cooperated to boost secondary and tertiary buds, with the third highest heat accumulation in 26 years, focused at the end of the growing season, October averaging highs of 72F, with nine days warmer than 80F.

Crop load yielded 85% of normal rather than 40% we feared. Whew! - *Harry Peterson-Nedry*

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