2022 RR Pinot Noir, Estate Reserve

Ridgecrest Vineyards | Ribbon Ridge AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.7% | **TA** - 5.8 g/L | **pH** - 3.54

AGING - 10 months 50% new, 29% 1-yr, 21% neutral French oak + 6 months 100% neutral French oak | 9% whole cluster fermentation

CLONES - 72% Pommard/Wädenswil, 14% Dijon 115/667/777, 14% Pommard

VINES - 72% 40-yr-old own-rooted, 28% 19-yr-old

PRODUCTION - 330 cases | **SRP** - $90

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

94+ - VINOUS | 93 JAMES SUCKLING & WINE ENTHUSIAST
91 - JEB DUNNUCK

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Pinot is the best barrel selection from an exquisitely balanced vintage. On entry, there is a complex coalescence of luxardo cherry, dark chocolate, Autumn foliage, and chai tea. The palate is dense, compact, and still quite young, but shows the layers of spice cabinet, graphite, rose petal and plum skin, while remaining long, silky, and tense throughout the finish. – *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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