

## THE WINE

Our first Single Clone Pinot noir from the Violet Vines estate vineyard, this complex and powerful wine originates from sedimentary soil planted in 2008 at 625 feet in elevation. Bright red fruit and the perfect balance of acidity and minerality, these two hand-chosen barrels were blended to perfection and offer a wine that's drinkable now yet age-worthy.

## VIOLET VINES VINEYARD

The Violet Vines estate is comprised of 88 acres in the Coast Range foothills of the McMinnville AVA. Although 25 acres are now under vine, the original estate vineyard, planted in 2008, included about three acres of Pinot noir (777, 115 and Pommard). Vines were planted between 600 and 650 feet above sea level facing southwest, primarily in marine sedimentary soils. The vineyard exists in a microclimate that is cooler and dryer than surrounding areas, which results in lower yields with concentrated fruit flavors.

## VINTAGE

With the exception of record heat very early in the growing season, 2021 was an idyllic growing season throughout the Willamette Valley. The warmth and minimal-to-no precipitation led to a fantastic balance of acidity and exceptional, concentrated flavor.

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The fruit was harvested on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 23.7 Brix. All of the fruit was de-stemmed and spent two days in a cold soak to extract color from the skins. Fermentation was completed in small, one-ton bins, and took about 30 days to complete, including extended maceration to extract even more color. French oak barrels were used for aging, 50% of which were new, and the blend, which was not filtered or fined, was created in December 2022, after spending 11 months in barrel.

## TASTING NOTES

Faint strawberry and floral aromas of wild violets greet the nose. Juicy strawberry flavors transition to red currant on the palate with a hint of oak. The defined acidity from the mountain terroir perfectly counter balances the generous amount of new French oak. Good volume weight gives way to finessed tannins and minerality on the finish.



## TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Composition</b>	100% Pinot Noir Single Clone 115
<b>Aging</b>	11 Months 50% New French Oak
<b>pH</b>	3.47
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b>	5.3 g/L
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.7%
<b>Bottling Date</b>	December 2022
<b>Release Date</b>	December 2022
<b>Bottle Production</b>	591