



THE WINE

Every year, the very best fruit from our estate vineyard in the McMinnville AVA comes from the Andrew Block, which is a 2008 planting of Dijon Clone 115 Pinot Noir. Complex and diverse flavors, a defined structure and long finish, these are all hallmarks of this carefully-crafted, limited production wine.

VIOLET VINES VINEYARD

The estate vineyard is comprised of 88 acres in the foothills of the McMinnville AVA. Although 27 acres are now under vine, the original estate blocks which delivered this wine, include three acres of Pinot noir. The vines are planted primarily southwest in marine sedimentary and volcanic soils reaching elevations of 650 feet.

VINTAGE

2022 started out interesting, with bud break on April 25th followed by a sustained frost event throughout the Willamette Valley. Early predictions estimated a 10% to 50% crop loss throughout the valley but thankfully, we were barely impacted. Bloom was July 11th and thanks to fantastic weather, we had a solid fruit set. The summer was dry but cooler than past years, but late August, September and the first half of October were all unusually warm and dry, which presented a great opportunity for longer hang time. With the threat of rain beginning on October 22nd, we quickly harvested the week prior, with grapes fully processed by the time the rain arrived.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Harvested at approximately 23 brix, we hand sorted and de-stemmed the fruit. Fermentation took place in small, one-ton bins, followed by a three week extended maceration. The wine, unfiltered and un-fined, was then pressed and barrel fermented in French oak for 12 months. Hand-chosen barrels were then selected to create this single clone and single block bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of red currant, strawberry and orange blossom follow through to the palate. Enveloping acid and herbaceous tones compliment an array of fruit flavors such as green strawberry, pomegranate and candied apricot. Rose petal and lavender florals give way to a supple and gently spiced finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition	Dijon Clone 115
Aging	12 Months 33% New French Oak
pH	3.7
Titrateable Acidity	5.2 g/L
Alcohol	13.9%
Bottling Date	December 5, 2023
Release Date	February 22, 2024
Bottle Production	74 Cases