

Winderlea Bounteous Pinot Noir Willamette Oregon 2021

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2021
GRAPE Pinot Noir
GEOGRAPHY Not Europe
COUNTRY USA
LARGER REGION Oregon
SMALLER REGION Willamette Valley

Rationale

Oregon's Willamette Valley – located in the Pacific Northwest of the USA – is one of the world's relatively youngest and most promising wine regions. The best examples are remarkably similar to their equivalents from Burgundy – a comparison that is no doubt crucial to their continued success. A classic Oregon Pinot has a deep red cherry color with aromas of black cherries, stewed strawberries, and earthy notes of forest floor, wild mushrooms, and the occasional fresh herbs.

Willamette Valley became an AVA in 1984. Celebrating the diversity of terroir within the Valley, in 2002, a group of producers banded together to create six new AVAs within the Willamette Valley. As a result, the Dundee Hills, McMinnville, Eola-Amity Hills, Yamhill-Carlton District, Chehalem Mountains, and Ribbon Ridge sub-AVAs were established, and the Van Duzer Corridor was also granted official status in late 2018.

Owners and winegrowers Bill Sweat and Donna Morris have been making wine in Oregon since 2006 when they purchased the original Dundee Hills Vineyard, a 20 acre property planted in the 1970s. They now farm 43 acres in the Dundee Hills on 2 vineyards- Its original estate vineyard, Winderlea and the Worden Hill Vineyard just 2 miles to the west. Bounteous is a cuvee of select plots from both vineyards blended to make a classic appellation wine in an approachable but still ageworthy style. This is a wine that always overdelivers.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Light
COLOR Ruby
RIM VARIATION Pink
Stained Tears: None

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID Med+
ALCOHOL Medium
TANNIN Med+
TEXTURE Lean / Tart
FINISH Long
COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Currant • Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry *Condition: Ripe*
BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Black Plum *Condition: Ripe*
CITRUS FRUIT Orange • Tangerine *Condition: Fresh, Ripe Part: Peel / Zest*
FLORAL Jasmine • Violet *Condition: Fresh*
OTHER VEGETABLE Ginger / Root • Cola Nut • Mushrooms (Brown)
HERBAL Thyme • Basil • Oregano • Tea Leaf / Bergamot
OTHER SPICES Sassafras • Licorice (Red) • Star Anise
ORGANIC EARTH Truffle / Mushrooms • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil • Dust
OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*
OAK INFLUENCE Neutral / Large Oak
OXIDATION/NUTTINESS Hazelnut • Pistachio
PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES Partial / Whole Cluster