



2022 Eola-Amity Hills Rosé of Pinot Noir



The 2022 Eola-Amity Hills Rosé of Pinot Noir is comprised of fruit from our immediate neighbor to the north and fellow benchmark site, Witness Tree Vineyard. Originally planted in 1982, the vineyard takes its name from an ancient oak tree used as a surveyor's landmark in 1854, bearing "witness" to the northwest corner of the Donation Land Claim #51 granted to early pioneers who arrived in a covered wagon via the Oregon Trail.

Crafted in limited quantities with natural yeasts in stainless steel, our Eola-Amity Hills Rosé delivers bright fruit and vibrant acidity. This Rosé has intriguing aromas of effusive red fruit, strawberries, Rainer cherries, and watermelon, and the palate delivers with textured entry, firm white peach, and cleansing acidity. We were fortunate that this Pinot Noir came in at the perfect level of ripeness and acidity for crafting a nuanced and refreshing Willamette Valley Rosé.



VARIETAL Pinot Noir
CLONE 100% Dijon clone 115
WINEMAKING
 100% hand-harvested
 Whole-cluster pressed, settled overnight, and moved to tank
 100% native yeast fermentations
AGING 4 months on its lees
 in a stainless steel tank
ALC 13.0% **TA** 5.6 g/L **pH** 3.19
ESTATE BOTTLED January 19th, 2023
PRODUCTION 196 cases

VINEYARD SOURCE 100% Witness Tree Vineyard
ESTABLISHED 1982
ELEVATION 290 feet to 440 feet
(88 m to 134 m)
SOILS Columbia River Basalts, including: Jory, Nekia, Ritner and Witzel; Marine Sediments: Helmick and Wellsdale; Missoula Flood silts including: Willamette and Woodburn soils
ASPECT east; southeast

Vintage Notes The 2022 vintage began in a customary Willamette Valley fashion, cool and wet. An unseasonably warm February and March followed, leading to a relatively early budbreak as spring commenced. Mother Nature proved unpredictable with the arrival of a rare cold air mass phenomenon in mid-April which brought the pre-dawn temperatures below freezing and spelled potential disaster for the vintage. Thankfully, the Cristom estate was mostly spared from frost damage, but the shock of the cold snap and the cool, wet spring that followed significantly extended the growing season. We observed near perfect conditions for bloom in late-June, yielding a generous fruit set of tight clusters and large berries. The summer months were consistently warm and sunny, which when combined with the residual soil moisture from a wet spring, generated explosive growth in the vineyard. Warm days continued through September and most of October, helping the grapes achieve ripeness and stave off the development of botrytis that can be a challenge late in the season. Despite a slow start, the 2022 growing season was on par with 2015 as one of the warmest in company history; a blessing that helped the fruit reach ripeness in what could have otherwise been an exceptionally late harvest.



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