

VINTAGE NOTES:

In 2021 we had rainstorm during bloom in June that made our crop yield a little lower than anticipated. We also had record breaking high temperatures one weekend this Summer for the Willamette Valley. Thankfully these heat spikes were short lived and by the Fall temperatures were very mild. We had no rain during harvest, allowing optimal ripening and flavor development. 2021 is turning out to be a great complex vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

This pinot is 100% estate grown and hand picked. It is from a single block at the very top of our hill that we consider to be the best block of pinot noir in our vineyard. We named this block after our Percheron draft horses. Fermentation is 100% native yeast. We macerate on the skins for 24 days and press in a wood basket. This wine is aged for 20 months in barrel with 50% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

Writing tasting notes are a pure joy for this wine—feel free to come up with your own! We immediately noticed violet, chocolate, strawberry, black cherry, filbert, baking spice, and all spice. It has juicy, beautiful acidity with an underlying velvety structure. This wine will easily cellar for years.

ILLAHE ESTATE PERCHERON BLOCK PINOT NOIR 2021



Production: 860 6 pack cases

AVA: Willamette Valle

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Winemaker: Brad Ford & Nathan Litke

ABV: 13.5% pH: 3.4 FSO2: 28ppm

TA: 6.3 g/L
Vineyard: Illahe Vineyards
Soil Sedimentary clay

Elevation: 350-450 feet

100% Native fermentation 33% whole cluster 16 months in 50% new French oak

LIVE Certified grapes
Salmon Safe
Deep Roots Coalition (dry farmed)





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