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2021 RR Pinot Noir

Estate Reserve
Ridgecrest Vineyards
RibbonRidge AVA
Willamette Valley
Oregon



Vintage Notes

2021 looks excellent - of course, through the smoky rear-view of 2020, it isn't hard. Despite a growing season with searing heat spikes (116F), 2021 was a moderate vintage, beginning harvest the third earliest time in the last two decades, and ending in less than a month, October 5th. It was a "wait-until-they're ripe" vintage with a welcome splash of rain midway in September, after grapes were largely picked - just to prove we're Oregonians.

Based on full-ripeness AND generally very good acidity, 2021 may ultimately resemble 2018 in concentration, and 2008 in crop yield. Small and precise, leaving us wishing we had more to share.

Winemaker Notes

If the 2021 Ridgecrest Estate Pinot Noir is a home run, this is a Grand Slam. Take an amazing vintage like 2021, and then hand-select the best, most complex, age-worthy barrels, age them for an extra 6 months in oak, and bottle it up with love and care. Visually, this Pinot is deep garnet in color, clear and crystalline clear, with a hue of purple around the edge. The nose and palate harmonize with three-dimensional structure, black cherry, hibiscus, tobacco, strawberry compote, Earl Grey Tea, and dark chocolate. The palate has so many layers that continue to build, evolve, and open up with time in the glass, showing the true potential of this wine's age-ability; very much a restrained flower waiting to open. The essence of this Pinot, dense on the core, vivid in texture and freshness, but soothing like warm wood, begs for wool sweaters and fireside chats – a true gem of the vintage.

Technical Data

AbV - 13.4% | **TA** - 5.7 g/L | **pH** - 3.54

Cooperage - 16 months = 11 months 50% new, 33% 1-yr & 17% neutral French oak + 5 months neutral French oak

Clones - 42% Pommard, 33% Dijon 667 & 777, 25% Wädenswil | 69% destemmed | 31% whole cluster

Blocks - 67% 5-Acre Block planted 1982, 33% Wind Ridge Block planted 2003

Production - 288 cases | **Release** - September 2023

Enjoy - now - 2040

95 Wine Enthusiast | 17+ Jancis Robinson





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Aging wine

building a fourth dimension

In the appreciation of wine, we always want more. We want to know details, experience the lifestyle, and be ahead of others in discovering future epiphanies. Many people understand the beauty, versatility and magic of Pinot Noir freshly released from their favorite winery and currently on wine shelves. But few people understand what an older wine should taste like and the oohs and aahs of ultimate pleasure that result from the experience of drinking a bottle held by someone for years.

"One of the dimensions of fine wine that is often overlooked is bottle development."

- Harry Peterson-Nedry

As a wine ages, it gains a fourth Dimension. Restaurants rarely have cellars to supply an authentic Reserve List. Retail bottle shops often have wines no older than last week's delivery. Gone are the days when dust and cobwebs were wiped away to find a "special" wine for you in either place. Sadly, gone also is the ability to see a different spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and nuances found only in aged wines. But this doesn't have to be the case. RR wines were built to age gracefully. Delicious now, these bottles will only improve with time, as evidenced by the stunning array of library wines we've been aging just for you.



Age-worthy wines from the first vines planted on Ribbon Ridge.

