

# KNUDSEN VINEYARDS

## 2021 Knudsen Vineyards Family Series Pinot noir

650 Cases

This wine captures Knudsen Vineyards in a glass, by including all clones of Pinot noir that we grow, and from elevations ranging from 350 to 1,000 feet.

### TASTING NOTES

This youthful Pinot noir is an estate blend showcasing the overall style of the 2021 vintage. A warm growing season provided lovely robust fruit and spice as well as savory notes to aid in long-term aging. Aromas of red cherry, chocolate, cherry cola and clove open up in the glass and grace the palate with structured flavors of blackberry, tobacco, black pepper and blackcurrant. The supple tannins and gripping acidity offer a complex and long finish with subtle hints of violet and toast. Drink now after 1-2 hours of decanting, or age for 7-10 years.

### DETAILS

**Vineyard** | Knudsen Vineyard

**AVA** | Willamette Valley, Dundee Hills

**Soil** | Red Jory Clay

**Winemaker** | Nate Klostermann

**Bottled** | 02/2023

**Released** | 06/2023

**Oak** | French oak, 20% new, 16 mos

**ABV** | 13.8%

**pH** | 3.66 **Ta** | 5.5g/L

**Brix** | 23.1

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2021 growing season was remarkable in several respects including the very high quality of fruit produced. Coolness and some precipitation in early June during flowering resulted in below average fruit set and, ultimately, lower yields. Then, at the end of June, Oregon experienced a heat dome for several days with record-breaking high temperatures. The balance of the summer was warm and dry until early September, when a cooling allowed for a relatively long and nearly ideal harvest season. At Knudsen Vineyards, we started harvesting grapes in late August and concluded harvest in late September. The cool weather in September gave us time to pick our Pinot noir and Chardonnay grapes for still wine at nearly perfect physiological ripeness. The modestly lower yields and great weather conditions during harvest has enabled wines with excellent acidity, depth of color, big aromatics and great flavors. We are really excited about the quality, drinkability and age worthiness of the wines from the 2021 growing season.



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