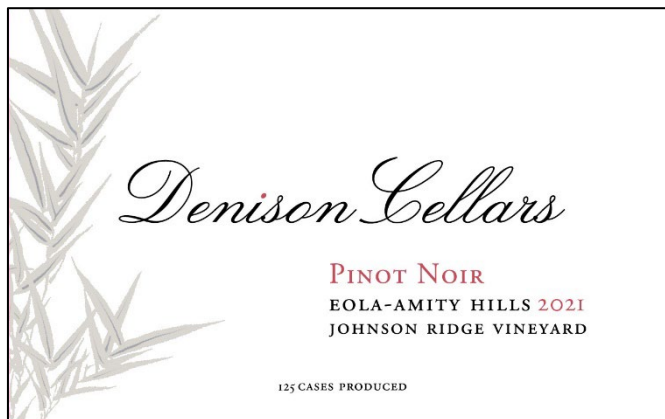


# 2021 DENISON CELLARS JOHNSON RIDGE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

EOLA-AMITY AVA, WILLAMETTE VALLEY OREGON



## THE VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season got off to a mild and drier than normal start with budbreak occurring in mid-April. The growing season ranged from slightly lower than average temperatures that were punctuated by extreme heat spikes in late June and mid-July. Fortunately, the fruit was not damaged by the extreme heat (temperatures up to 115 degrees Fahrenheit), as clusters were barely formed so were less susceptible to sunburn. September was cooler than

average, allowing the fruit to slowly develop to optimal maturity. The quality of the harvested fruit was high, and the fruit for this wine was harvested on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## THE WINE

The 2021 Johnson Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is a blend of 777, Pommard, and an unidentified clone that was mislabeled at the nursery. The resulting wine has deep garnet color, aromas of black raspberry, dark cherry, forest floor, and a hint of Italian plum. Mouth-filling flavors of blackberry, black cherry, a hint of blueberry follow. This wine displays dense mid-palate volume, velvety tannins, and a long seamless finish.

The fruit was harvested on September 22<sup>nd</sup> (777 and Pommard clones) and October 2<sup>nd</sup> (the unidentified clone) and spent two days in a cold-soak to extract color. Fermentation was completed in small, one-ton bins and took 21 days to complete. French oak barrels were used for aging, all of which were neutral. The blend was created in November of 2019 after spending 12 months in barrel. Bottling was completed in December of 2022; 120 cases were produced.

The 2021 Denison Cellars Johnson Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is unfinned and unfiltered, and to prevent any incidence of cork taint, is bottled under a twist-off closure.

**Harvest Date:** Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

**Brix:** 24.0°

**Final pH:** 3.52

**Final TA:** 5.20 g/L

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**Production:** 120 cases

**Suggested Retail:** \$50

**Winemaker:** Tim Wilson

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