



## 2021 ARETÉ PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley

World-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at our Chalice Vineyard. The cool climate in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range allows the grapes to mature slowly while maintaining the proper acid balance that is essential for producing the finest Pinot Noir

### TECHNICAL DATA

**VARIETIES** 100% Pinot Noir

**AVA** Willamette Valley

**TA** 5.9g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.2g/L

**ALCOHOL** 13.5%

**pH** 3.59

**ELEVAGE** 100% French oak, 50% New

**CLONES** Wadenswil, Pommard, Dijon 667,

113, 828

**VINEYARDS** Chalice Estate Vineyards

**SOIL TYPES** Bellpine and Jory

**HARVESTED** October 2021

**BOTTLED** September 2022

**CELLARING** 2-9 years

**RELEASED** May 2023

**CASES** 132 six packs

**WINEMAKER** Aaron Lieberman

**PROPRIETOR** Pamela Frye

**SRP: \$49.99**

### WINEMAKER NOTES

All of the grapes for Areté labeled wines come from our Estate Vineyard and are selected from specific blocks which we take additional care in to maximize quality. Half of the wine in this blend of Pinot noir clones was fermented in two new 500 liter puncheons with one head removed. The small size of the fermenter keeps temperatures lower, conserving more volatile aromatics, and the early exposure to new oak helps to fix color in the wine as well as rounding out the palate. The puncheon fermented wines were then aged in new French oak barrels purchased specifically with this wine in mind. Very tight grained oak, and toasted over a relatively cool fire for a longer time to achieve a deep but light toast. These new barrels impart structure to the wine and very little new oak flavor. The other two barrels in this blend were selected from the best blocks of our vineyard to compose a harmonious, age worthy and complex blend.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2021 vintage had slightly warmer than average growing conditions following the warmer than average 2020 and 2019 vintages. Budbreak occurred in the third week of April just a few days earlier than average for our vineyard. Bloom occurred in the last week of June after an unprecedented heat wave in the middle of the month and with somewhat unfavorable weather in the last week of June, which led to a much lower than average fruit set and small berry size. From there on the season was near average in terms of precipitation and temperature until August when we experienced another unprecedented heat wave which set all-time record high temperatures in much of the Northwest. In contrast the fall ripening period was nearly ideal with warm days, cool nights and little rain. The concerns about the effect of the heat waves on the vines and fruit quality seem to have been unnecessary as the 2021 wines are of high quality and excellent concentration.