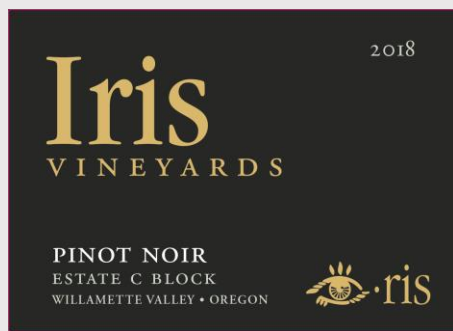


Iris Vineyards



2021 CHALICE ESTATE C BLOCK 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 5.6 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.2g/L

ALCOHOL 13.3%

pH 3.60

ELEVAGE 10 months in 100% French oak,
40% new

CLONES Pommard, ENTAV 828 and 667

VINEYARDS Chalice Estate Vineyards

SOIL TYPES Bellpine

HARVESTED October 2021

BOTTLED September 2022

CELLARING 1-7 years

RELEASED March 2023

CASES 152

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman
PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$39.99

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2021 Estate Pinot Noir is made from grapes grown in the “C block” of our vineyard. The original C block planting happened in 2008 and was 100% Pommard clone. We extended this block in 2016 with several other clones of Pinot noir, including the ENTAV 828 and 667 that are in this wine. In March of 2022, immediately after the end of malolactic fermentation, we selected the best barrels from all of C block, blended them together and then returned the wine to barrels for further aging. Those best barrels ended up being 80% Pommard and 10% each of 828 and 667 clones. In creating this blend the intent is to maintain a consistent style which is full bodied, rich, fruit forward and with a stronger French oak influence than we have on any of our other Pinot Noirs. The grapes for this wine were harvested at peak maturity. The fruit was destemmed to 1 ¼ ton fermenters which were then allowed to cold soak for one day prior to starting fermentation. Once fermentation was complete, the must was pressed and the wine transferred to tank for a day of settling before being racked to barrel. The wine remained in barrel for about 10 months before bottling.

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.