

## SHORT HISTORY OF PINOT BLANC

Pinot blanc, like Pinot gris, is a genetic mutation of Pinot noir that has been cultivated throughout Northern Europe for centuries. Pinot blanc is planted widely in Alsace, as well as Germany (as Weissburgunder), and northern Italy (as Pinot bianco), and in smaller amounts in pockets of Burgundy and Eastern Europe. Pinot blanc was first planted in Oregon in 1967, but there are still fewer than 200 acres in production here.

## THE 2021 VINTAGE

Throughout the Willamette Valley, 2021 was generous in terms of yields, ripeness, and quality and health of the fruit. Overall, the growing season was earlier than average. Harvest started on September 14 and finished on October 12. There were a couple of extreme heat events early in the summer that were devastating to some crops in the Valley, but in the vineyards the timing was just right to scour the powdery mildew out of the vineyard without harming the fruit, which had not yet begun to soften. August was also very hot, but temperatures cooled significantly in September, and rain showers in September and early October allowed us to take advantage of an extended ripening period for enhanced flavor development.



2021 PINOT BLANC • ESTATE GROWN

*Certified Organically Grown*

Harvest date: October 5, 2021

Grapes at harvest: Brix 22.0, pH 3.16, TA 7.0 gr/liter

Finished wine: Alcohol 13.5 %, pH 3.3, TA 6.5 gr/liter

Barrel aged 10 months in French oak and  
stainless steel drums, no new barrels

No residual sugar

Bottled unfiltered August 29, 2022

190 cases produced

**VINIFICATION:** The fruit was whole cluster pressed and settled 72 hours prior to racking into a jacketed, stainless steel fermentation tank. Fermentation was cool, never exceeding 58° F and lasted for one month. The new wine was then racked to four 228L neutral barrels and four stainless steel drums for aging on lees. After ten months the wine was racked and bottled without malolactic fermentation.

**WINEMAKER NOTES:** Four acres planted in 1992 on one of the best pieces on the West side of our estate vineyard, our own rooted Pinot Blanc continues to be a favorite of mine, despite the diminishing amounts we bring through the door. 2021 is a lush, broad example of the variety bursting with honeysuckle, nectarine, and asian pear over mouthwatering acidity.