Beaux Frères

Ribbon Ridge AVA | Oregon

The Sequitur Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

The Sequitur Vineyard was planted in 2012 by Carey Critchlow and Michael G. Etzel, founding partner and winemaker. Their homestead vineyard, it includes no less than 17 different clones of Pinot Noir in a unique micro-climate, protected on three sides by a dense stand of Douglas fir.

GRAPE VARIETY: *100% Pinot Noir*

VINEYARD SIZE:
12 acres

VINEYARD LOCATION:
Ribbon Ridge AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

HARVEST DATES: *October 1st - October15th*
VINIFICATION: *Primary fermentation using indigenous yeast in small vats for 15 to 18 days, approximately 15% stem inclusion, unfined and unfiltered*

MATURING: *10 months in French oak barrels, 40% new*

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 12.4%

TOTAL CASE PRODUCTION: 245

GROWING SEASON SYNOPSIS:
After bud break in late March, the Willamette Valley received an arguably unprecedented frost event in mid-April. At least half of the primary buds in our estate were lost, followed by unseasonably cold and consistently heavy rains that continued until June 20th. With the clock set back considerably due to the cold and wet weather, the remainder of the growing season was dry with delightfully pleasant, above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation overall. Cluster counts were down, but their size made up for a lot of the diminished bud counts. Harvest began at the estate on October 1st and finished on October 15th. Fortunately, we received just 0.4 inches (10mm) of rain through the completion of harvest, an especially ideal development during the home stretch of the growing season in October. In the end, this welcomed dynamic led to the extraordinary quality of the vintage.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:
Ripe sweet plum, cherry pie crust, cedar chest