



**Hillside Wines & Spirits**  
 Artisan Wines & Spirits Distributor

**OREGON**

**IRIS WILLAMETTE 'C BLOCK' PINOT NOIR**

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

**PINOT NOIR**



The History

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



The Grape

100% Pinot Noir



Tasting Note

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.

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