



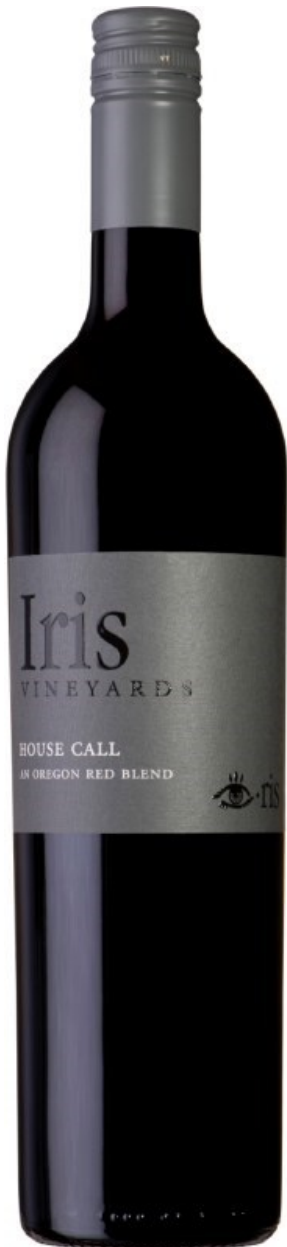
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IRIS BORDEAUX BLEND HOUSE CALL

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

PINOT GRIS



The History

The 2022 vintage had slightly warmer than average growing conditions following a warmer than average 2021 and 2020. Budbreak occurred in the third week of April just a few days earlier than average for our vineyard. Like many other vineyards in the Willamette Valley our estate vineyard suffered some frost damage in April and again in May. These frosts killed many of the primary buds so we relied on the secondary and tertiary buds to push, hoping they would be fruitful. Bloom occurred in the middle of July with favorable weather conditions, which led, to our surprise, to a near average fruit set and berry size. From there on the season was near average in terms of precipitation and temperature. The fall ripening period was nearly ideal with warm days, cool nights and little rain. The concerns about the effect of the frost on the vines and fruit quality seem to have been unnecessary as the 2022 wines are of high quality and excellent concentration



The Grape

50% Cabernet franc, 32% Malbec, 18% Merlot



Tasting Note

This well-structured complex blend opens with aromas of rosehips, tamarind, and quince, with a black-fruited core graced with notes of tobacco flower and earth. In the glass, the wine expresses a bouquet of flavors that follow the nose and include pomegranate, blackberry jam on toasted brioche, and, a savory, mouth-watering finish.

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