



MONTINORE ESTATE

2021

“RED CAP” PINOT NOIR

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

CLONES
**POMMARD
WÄDENSWIL
DIJON**

HARVEST DATE
**SEPTEMBER 26 –
OCTOBER 8**

COOPERAGE
**FRENCH
HUNGARIAN
20% NEW**

AGING
10 MONTHS

pH
3.46

TA
5.7

RS
.03%

ALCOHOL
13%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
JANUARY 2023

RELEASE DATE
FEBRUARY 2024

THE VINTAGE

2021 was another year of extremes in Oregon. The spring started out with good soil moisture and average weather. Unfortunately, during the bloom, we had a cool rainy period and even some hail that significantly reduced the size of our crop right from the start. After bloom we had good fruit remaining on the clusters. Summer brought a legendary heat to the Northwest with two record-breaking days of 115° and 116°. Fortunately, the hot weather didn't damage the fruit, but we had some disruption of cluster development resulting in smaller bunches of grapes at harvest. After the heat dome episode, the weather turned back to more normal Northwest conditions, and we had a very nice ripening. The fruit we did get was of excellent quality although the harvest was very small.

WINEMAKING

A beautiful vintage and a commitment to thoughtful winemaking are well reflected in this release of “Red Cap” Pinot Noir. This is a carefully constructed wine produced from select growing sites throughout the Willamette Valley, all of which use sustainable growing practices and carry LIVE certification. It is a nice reflection of the perfect terroir in the Willamette Valley and the warm, dry growing season led to ripe fruit and concentration that balances perfectly with our trademark texture and acidity.

THE WINE

Complex aromas of earthy forest floor and sandalwood mingle with a mélange of berries on the nose. These aromas waft from the glass, introducing a sumptuous mouthful with flavors of black cherry, raspberries, dark chocolate, and black pepper on the mid-palate. The finish is supple and salivating with lingering flavors of red fruit and pepper, leaving you wanting another sip.



Made with LIVE-certified grapes.

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Antonio Galloni
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