

# 2022 THEA'S SELECTION

## PINOT NOIR

### WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA

Release Date: September 1, 2024

Bottling Date: May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Production level: 9,554 cases 12/750 mL



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### VINIFICATION DETAILS:

<b>Pinot Noir Clones:</b> Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 114, 115, 667, 777, 828	<b>AVA:</b>	Willamette Valley
<b>Harvest Dates:</b> October 7 <sup>th</sup> - October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.5% alc./vol.
<b>Grape Yield:</b> 2.9 tons per acre	<b>PH:</b>	3.44
<b>Fermentation Notes:</b> Mostly destemmed, 30+ days on skins	<b>TA:</b>	5.6 g/L
<b>Yeasts:</b> Indigenous	<b>Product Code:</b>	22TSPN12
<b>Elevage (aging):</b> 15 months in 23% new French oak	<b>Other:</b>	Unfined and unfiltered

**Vineyards:** Meyer, Stermer, Chestnut Hill, Johnson, Rocky Noel - Lemelson Estates **certified organic by OR Tilth**

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2022 Thea's Selection Pinot noir is a blend of fruit sourced from each of our organically farmed estate vineyard sites which span three sub-AVA's of the Willamette Valley. The finished wine is, at its core, a true representative of the vintage as a whole. The nose is inviting with bright cherry and raspberry fruit that is nuanced by subtle notes of dried lavender, black licorice, black tea, cinnamon and graham cracker. The rich, silky tannins give in to a long and robust finish that leaves the taste of black cherries and sweet cocoa powder lingering on the palate.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** 2022 will be remembered as the "year of frost." Sub-freezing temperatures in April coupled with budbreak meant death to many of our fresh buds. Fortunately, vines are equipped with not one, but two backup buds! These backup buds kicked into gear and the growing season was back on track, albeit slightly later than typical. What had started as a cold and wet (even icy) growing season transitioned into one of the warmest summers on record. Our vines were able to produce near normal amounts of fruit and despite a late start to the season, were able to fully ripen the clusters thanks to the Summer warmth. A rollercoaster vintage to be sure! One that produced beautiful, clean clusters that made wines with textural power and aromatic intensity!