

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

2021 LAURÈNE PINOT NOIR DROUHIN FAMILY ESTATE, DUNDEE HILLS, OR

Named after Véronique Drouhin's elder daughter, Laurène is our flagship wine, and is produced entirely from Pinot Noir grown on the family's estate in the Dundee Hills.



All of the fruit is handpicked into small totes, destemmed, fermented with indigenous yeasts, and then placed into French Oak barrels. Once the vintage is safely in the cellar, Véronique begins the process of selecting barrels which have an extra complexity, length and depth — barrels which will work together as Laurène.

DDO is LIVE-certified sustainable.

The 2021 Vintage:

While winter temperatures were slightly warmer than average, and drought conditions continued across the west, February was defined by an ice-storm unlike anything seen in the Willamette Valley for 40 years. The growing season started out relatively cool but continued dry. The Willamette Valley saw mild to moderate early to mid-April frosts, followed by an early season heat event at the start of May. At the end of June, we experienced the warmest days ever recorded in the Valley, and yet the vines remained healthy and resilient. At the end of this dramatic growing season, the vines delivered grapes with complex flavors, incredible balance, and layers of elegance. As winemakers and grape growers, we couldn't have asked for a better gift from the vineyard.

Véronique's Tasting Notes - The 2021 Pinot Noir Laurène upholds the cuvée's 30-year tradition of excellence, elegance, expressiveness and ageability. The energetic nose reveals notes of baked Rainier cherry and candied orange peel, with subtle sage and wild herb undertones. On the palate, blueberry notes intertwine with baking spice and anise, offering a complex and layered experience. In your glass or in your cellar, the 2021 Laurène is a pure reflection of vintage, place and people. Enjoy!

Harvest Dates: 9/8/21-10/2/21



Laurène Boss

INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT 96 POINTS

A shimmering medium ruby-purple core with a light purple rim, the 2021 Laurène Pinot Noir sports scandalous aromas of fresh macerated strawberries, cranberry sauce, grapefruit zest, milk chocolate, and black tea. Spicy on the palate with gobs of acidity, fine-grained sweet tannins, and tilled earthy notes that hit the back of the palate, this is a well-made wine that I highly recommend.

Drink it now or over the next 10 years.

JAMES SUCKLING 95 POINTS

What a seductive nose of rose petals, cranberries, strawberries, chocolate orange, cinnamon stick and lemon zest. Spicy, zesty and vibrant, with a medium body and tight-grained tannins. Elegant with a very fine structure.
Drink or hold.

WINE SPECTATOR 95 POINTS

Red Rich and detailed, with a deep but graceful structure, offering rose petal, raspberry, orange peel and dusky spice flavors that build tension and polish toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2032. —T.F.



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