

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

French Soul, Oregon Soil

2021 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR

Dundee Hills - Willamette Valley

Domaine Drouhin has been on the viticultural cutting edge in Oregon since their first vintage in 1988, and continues to set the pace. Winemaker Véronique Drouhin-Boss' roots go deep into her family's 13th century cellars under the streets of Beaune, the heart of Burgundy. With centuries of Burgundian winemaking experience flowing through her blood, Véronique has lovingly crafted every drop of wine produced at Domaine Drouhin Oregon since the first vintage in 1988.



About our Pinot Noir

Our 1988 Classique Pinot Noir was the first wine produced by the Drouhin Family in Oregon. Over two decades later, this cuvée has become a foundational element of many great wine lists and personal cellars. The fruit is harvested entirely from our family's Dundee Hills estate, and the wine is vinified in the Drouhin family style with a focus on elegance, balance and finesse.

Winemaking

Our Pinot Noir is handpicked into 25-pound totes, then hand sorted and de-stemmed in our four level gravity flow winery. Fermentations are long and careful and by November, all of our Pinot is safely in barrel. Our barrels are custom made in Burgundy, using oak from France's best forests, allowing the character of the soil and vintage to show through.

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

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:

Our 2021 Pinot Noir Dundee Hills is youthful and bright, deftly downplaying the topsy-turvy growing season that ended with gentle, ideal harvest conditions. On the nose, the wine is bursting with black cherry and ripe sour cherry tones, with hints of dried violets and lightly roasted coffee beans. The palate confirms the nose with added notes of fresh raspberry, cranberry, and a decidedly earthy touch. This wine is lovely, vibrant, and elegant now, but I think it will be in a perfect place with 5 – 12 years of cellaring.

Also: International Wine Report - 95 Points

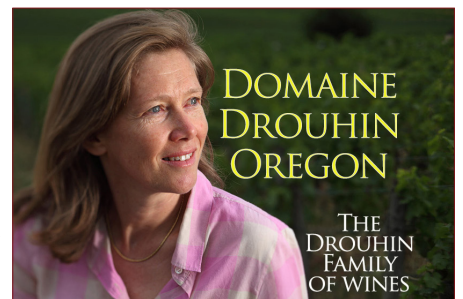
James Suckling - 94 Points

Wine Spectator - 94 Points

Owen Bargreen - 94 Points

John Gilman - 93 Points

Vinous - 92 Points



2021 PINOT NOIR DUNDEE HILLS

Ripe with ripe black cherry, fresh licorice, and dark stone. Lush and inviting, with ripe structure and broad shoulders, it is flush with a ripe, meaty texture and warming spice. Allow it another couple of years in the cellar.

This is an age-worthy wine to drink 2025-2037.

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