

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.

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### The 2021 Vintage:

The 2021 vintage was absolutely worth the wait, and we couldn't be more pleased with the charm and grace its wines present at every level. An arid and warm spring led to an even warmer, drier summer with notable heat spikes. Wonderfully, the vines remained healthy, and as temperatures cooled in mid-September, harvest was able to stretch out over three smooth weeks, ending in early October. After a 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.



Laurène Boss

**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!

**Alcohol: 13.9% | Harvest Dates: 9/8/21-10/2/21**

### Owen Bargreen-97 Points

*The nose on this 2021 'Laurene' is utterly fabulous. Black truffle, anise, dark currants and shades of cigar box fill the nose alongside freshly tilled soils. The palate is just so wonderfully balanced, showing great weight and poise, as it effortlessly glides throughout the drinking experience. A massive core of red and dark fruits combine with garrigue and shades of Nori. This will easily be a 20 year wine. Drink 2023-2043- 97*

### 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.*

### Wine Enthusiast-96 Points

*The Laurène gently caresses the palate like the rider's steady hand on a skittish horse. Aromas of lavender, dark raspberry, hay and the salinity of an ocean breeze swirl gently from the glass. Blackberry compote and blackcap raspberry flavors are joined by wisps of Earl Grey tea and thyme. Balanced beauty. — Michael Alberty*

### Wine Spectator-95 Points & Top 100 Wines of 2023!

*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.*

**Also: John Gilman-95 Points, James Suckling-95 Points, Jeb Dunnock-91 Points**



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