

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

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2023 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 - 1988 marked the first vintage of our Pinot Noir cuvée. Over three decades later, this classic cuvée is the foundation of our work in Oregon, and proudly at home on many great wine lists and in personal cellars. The fruit is harvested entirely from the Drouhin family's Dundee Hills estate, and the wine is focused, as ever, 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.

Vintage 2023: In 2023, budbreak was unusually late, starting on April 30. Next came an unexpected heat surge and minimal rainfall, a lasting pattern which compressed the period from budbreak to bloom to less than 45 days (a record)! Our vineyards adapted well to these surprises, and when harvest started on September, the fruit looked great. Towards the end of the month, we saw some significant rains. The overall harvest concluded on October 5.

Véronique's Tasting Notes: The 2023 Dundee Hills Pinot Noir is complex and beautiful. Its nose reveals rhubarb, dried violets, black tea, and plum, accented by a subtle hint of oak. The palate unfolds with notes of sour cherries, white pepper, stone fruits, and earth undertones. While youthful, it showcases a lovely balance between tannins, the bright lift of vibrant red fruits and acidity. It will be exciting to watch this wine evolve over the next 5-15 years. Santé!

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