

ROSE ROCK

DROUHIN OREGON



2023 ZÉPHIRINE PINOT NOIR

EOLA-AMITY HILLS, OREGON

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ABOUT DROUHIN OREGON ROSE ROCK: Roserock is an extraordinary vineyard at the southern tip of the Eola-Amity Hills, in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Ancient volcanic soils, an ideal elevation range and the unique cooling effect of the Van Duzer corridor produce classic cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Roserock is LIVE-certified sustainable.

ABOUT OUR ZÉPHIRINE PINOT NOIR: Our Zéphirine Pinot Noir is a barrel selection cuvée from the Roserock vineyard, and is a reference expression of the site. Zéphirine conveys purity and beauty, reflects winemaker Véronique Boss-Drouhin's dedication to elegance and finesse, and will age meaningfully for years to come. The name refers to the Zéphirine Drouhin variety of climbing rose, which is known for its fragrance and beauty.



THE 2023 VINTAGE: 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 Zéphirine Pinot Noir reflects the beauty and character of our Eola-Amity Hills vineyard. Fragrant and charming, it opens with expressions of violets, wild raspberry, bramble, and stone, followed by a hint of cinnamon. The palate is graceful, silky, and poised, revealing layered notes of juicy plum, marionberry, and blackberry pie, framed by a subtle spiced earthiness. Refined in structure and elegant in style, Zéphirine finishes with great length and promises exceptional aging potential.

JAMES SUCKLING-97 POINTS

So pretty, charming and elegant, with floral aromas, light tannins and quiet vibrancy. Fresh raspberries, sour cherries, red cherries, rose petals and minerals give it complexity and appeal. Finesse, nerve and great balance.

JEB DUNNUCK-96 POINTS

Offers focused and expressive notes of wild raspberries, framboise, rosy perfume, and sweet herbs. Medium-bodied, it has ripe tannins and an approachable feel, with its underlying mineral focus shining through the midpalate and finish. It's delicious now but will only improve over the next 6-7 years.

OWEN BARGREEN-95 POINTS

The 2023 'Zéphirine' Pinot Noir was aged 15 months in mainly neutral French oak before bottling.

The palate is concentrated and intense with a voluptuous texture and great stony character. Driven by heady red fruits, this has plenty of lip-smacking acidity and great wet stone accents.

WINE ADVOCATE-94 POINTS

Unfolds dramatically in the glass; flint, pipe tobacco, damp earth and mushroom give way to pure blackberry and black cherry as it opens. The full-bodied palate is powerfully styled with concentrated yet nuanced flavors. It's framed by velvety tannins and succulent acidity and has a long, dynamic finish.

VINOUS-93 POINTS

An understated blend of dried flowers, spiced citrus and wild strawberries.

A stern mineral core and brisk acidity enliven the tart wild berry fruits.



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