

## 2021 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, Black Label

Production: 3,435 cases  
Bottled: February 1, 2023  
Retail Price: \$30

*Jon Tomaselli, Winemaker*

### *The Vintage*

The 2021 growing season was hot and dry with wide swings in weather conditions. An abnormally cold period at the end of May and a relatively cool wet period around bloom resulted in lower yields. The heat in the summer included a 5-day stretch that averaged 103F highs and 92-day span with only .02 inches of rain. Through the dry vintage emerged fruit with very little disease pressure, full ripeness, deep concentration while retaining good acidity. All these factors culminated to produce wines that are exceptionally balanced exhibiting flavors of intense dark fruit, earthiness and minerality paired with floral and red fruit aromatics.

Torii Mor's harvest started on September 13<sup>th</sup> and finished on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### *The Vineyards*

The grapes that comprise Torii Mor's Willamette Valley Pinot Noir come from 8 vineyards: Alloro, Hawks View, La Colina, La Dolce Vita, Nysa, Olson, Varga, Kraemer.

### *The Cellar*

Harvested from September 13 to October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Willamette Valley Pinot noir grapes were hand at 23.2 to 25.8 Brix (most mid 24), sorted, fermented without whole clusters for 12 to 26 days, with 3 punch down a day, aged for 10 months in mostly French oak with some Hungarian oak

The barrels were racked and in August following Malo-Lactic fermentation when the blend was put together, then stored in tanks until bottling.

### *The Wine*

The 2021 Torii Mor Willamette Valley Pinot Noir has rich aromas, sweet and complex, with ripe blueberries and blackberries, complex earth-oak notes and framed by perfumes of wild flowers and roses.

The flavors are forward, and rich, with good balance of acidity and sweetness, leading to rich and concentrated fresh blue-black fruits, from like blueberries and blackberries, enhanced by notes of cooking and oak spices and a touch of earth complexity.

The mouthfeel is rich, complex and elegant. The finish is rich, long, and sweet, with the complexity of fruit, juicy tannins and savory earth notes.

This 2021 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is ready to be enjoyed now, cheers.

Tasted February 4, 2023

### *Wine Data*

pH: 3.39

Total Acidity: 0.57 gr/100 ml

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: 0.2gr/ 100 ml