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Four Graces

2023 WINDBORN PINOT NOIR
WEATHERGAGE ESTATE VINEYARD VAN DUZER CORRIDOR

Established in 2003, The Four Graces is committed to making rich, complex wines where the fruit may be elegantly expressed. Our Windborn Pinot Noir is one of four featured wines in our Reserve Graces tier: our Four Graces. “Windborn” is named for the region where the grapes for this wine are grown in the wind-whipped Weathergage Estate Vineyards in the Van Duzer Corridor AVA. Consistent high winds speeds from the Pacific Ocean flow down the Van Duzer Corridor wind gap through the natural break in the Oregon Coast Range to the east end where our vineyard is located in low elevation rolling hills. Each “Grace” in this series highlights the climate, land and fruit characteristics of our individual estate vineyards. - Tim Jones, Winemaker



VINTAGE

The growing season got off to a slow start in 2023 and there were concerns of a very late vintage. Unusually warm weather in April and May caused rapid vine growth, catching up to previous vintages. Heat spikes in August led to some sunburn and continued the warming trend of the season. 2023 ended up being one of the warmest and earliest seasons on record.

VINEYARD

All fruit for the Windborn Pinot Noir is sourced from our Weathergage Estate Vineyard (Van Duzer Corridor) on a southeast facing slope: Blocks 10B, 6, 7 and 10A. On this property we continue to execute our sustainable winemaking practices. In addition to sustainable farming, the vineyard is LIVE certified.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Windborn Pinot Noir is comprised of clones 943, Pommard, and 667. This is a rich, full-bodied wine defined by currant, dark chocolate, plum, blueberry, and a hint of puff pastry. Chewy, mouth-coating tannins give way to a velvety, smooth finish. Serve with grilled lamb chops, pork tenderloin, or mushroom ravioli.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Van Duzer Corridor, Willamette Valley
Vineyard Source:	Weathergage Estate Vineyard
Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clones:	943, Pommard, 667
Aging:	14 months in French oak, 12% new
Alcohol:	14.2%
pH:	3.79
TA:	4.7