# Four Graces

## 2022 VALLEYVIEW PINOT NOIR ESTATE VINEYARD BLEND WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Established in 2003, The Four Graces is committed to making rich, complex wines where the fruit may be elegantly expressed. Our Valleyview Pinot Noir is one of four wines in our Graces tier and is our featured Icon vineyard blend. "Valleyview" marries the best and finest elements from our estate vineyards into an iconic blend that represents the best of the vintage, our winemaking style and the essence of the greater Willamette Valley AVA. Each "Grace" in this series highlights the climate, land and fruit characteristics of our individual estate vineyards.—Tim Jones, Winemaker



### **VINTAGE**

2022 will be remembered for the April frosts that impacted much of our Northern Oregon vineyards in the Willamette Valley, reducing yields in some of our vineyards by as much as 30%. While the growing season was challenging in the spring, we were rewarded by a moderate summer and beautiful, dry autumn. Harvest began in late September and finished in October. The 2022 Valleyview Pinot Noir was selected from barrels of our favorite pinot noir. We hope we captured the vintage and the diversity of our Willamette Valley vineyard sites within this one bottling. After primary fermentation the wine was then transferred to French oak barrels where it completed malolactic fermentation and aged for the next 15 months.

### **VINEYARDS**

The fruit for our Valleyview Pinot Noir is sourced from two of our estate vineyards: Doe Ridge Estate (Block 16; Clone Pommard & Block 17; Clone 777) in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA and Weathergage Estate in the Van Duzer Corridor AVA (Block 7, Clone Pommard). We execute sustainable winemaking practices on our LIVE certified estate vineyards.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Valleyview is a blend of small lots resulting in a wine which reflects the elegance, intriguing aromatics, and silky texture of pinot noir grown in the Willamette Valley. On the nose, complex aromas of black cherry, black pepper, and marionberry are complemented by black tea, anise, orange zest, and cedar. The palate delivers a balanced and refined mouthfeel with a polished and very long finish.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Willamette Valley

Vineyard Source: Doe Ridge Estate, Yamhill-Carlton AVA;

Weathergage Estate, Van Duzer Corridor AVA

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir; Clones: Pommard and 777

Aging: 15 months in 20% new French oak –

Boutes, Seguin Moreau, Sylvain and Tonnellerie Ô barrels

 Alcohol:
 14.1%

 pH:
 3.8

 Case production:
 467