Four Graces

2021 WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Established in 2003, The Four Graces is committed to making rich, complex wines where the fruit may be elegantly expressed. The winery offers pinot noir as well as small amounts of pinot gris, pinot blanc and chardonnay. The wines are produced from our three estate vineyards — Foley Family Estate, Doe Ridge Estate, Weathergage Estate and other top sites in the Willamette Valley. Highly acclaimed, The Four Graces wines are hand-crafted in small lots using traditional techniques coupled with the most modern technology in winemaking.



VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage will be remembered in the Willamette Valley for record setting heat and dry conditions. Mild rain during bloom reduced the yields to slightly below average, but the precipitation helped our vines tolerate the unusually hot and dry summer. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than average, with our first pinot noir coming from the Dundee Hills and Ribbon Ridge AVAs on September 12th. Our Doe Ridge and Weathergage Estate Vineyards were close behind and by the end of the month all of our pinot noir was harvested. All of the fruit harvested was very high quality, with ripe and concentrated flavors.

VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine was sourced from our estate vineyards: Foley Family in the Dundee Hills AVA, Doe Ridge in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA and Weathergage in the Van Duzer Corridor AVA; as well as select sites throughout the Willamette Valley AVA. Additional fruit from the Ribbon Ridge AVA make up the final blend.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir showcases a beautiful ruby hue in the glass. Pleasant aromas of black cherry, red raspberry and hints of baking spice and rich dark chocolate. The palate exudes bright red fruit flavors of cherry and raspberries which are complemented by generous, fine-grained tannins and a rich yet focused palate. The finish is bright with perfectly balanced acidity. True to the Willamette Valley, this is a chef's wine that will pair well with a variety of dishes.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Willamette Valley Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging: 9 months in French oak, 15% new

Alcohol: 14.1% pH: 3.62 TA: 5.62 g/L

