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Four Graces

2021 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

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 Dundee on September 10th and 13th. The fruit was very high quality with concentrated flavors and ripe aromatics. This iconic blend of our estate vineyards represents the depth, range and uniqueness of the fruit grown throughout the Willamette Valley.

VINEYARD

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 Foley Family Estate in the Dundee Hills AVA (Block 9, Clone Wadenswil). We execute sustainable winemaking practices on our LIVE certified estate vineyards.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 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. The Foley Estate in the Dundee Hills, one of our earliest ripening sites, produces elegant and expressive pinot noir. The dark fruit of Doe Ridge from the Yamhill-Carlton AVA contributes structure and violet aromatics to the blend. On the nose, bright red berry aromatics are complemented by hints of black tea, orange zest, cedar and baking spices. The palate delivers a silky texture with layers of black cherries, marionberry and hints of allspice. This wine has fine, polished tannins, balanced acidity and a long, smooth finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Willamette Valley
Vineyard Source:	Doe Ridge Estate, Yamhill-Carlton AVA; Foley Family Estate, Dundee Hills AVA
Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir; Clones: Pommard, 777 and Wadenswil
Aging:	15 months in 25% new French oak — LeGrange, Cadus, Sylvain and Billon barrels
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.59
Case production:	306