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Four Graces

2021 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 wind 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 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 Weathergage Estate Vineyard is one of the last to ripen, but we are rewarded with lovely and expressive fruit.

VINEYARD

All fruit for the Windborn Pinot Noir is sourced from our Weathergage Estate Vineyard on a southeast facing slope: Blocks 10B, 5 and 4B. On this property we continue to execute our sustainable winemaking practices. In addition to sustainable farming, the vineyard is LIVE certified.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Windborn Pinot Noir is deep and dark with shades of mahogany and garnet. On the nose, black cherry, cedar and earthy aromas are complemented by hints of black olive and baking spices. The palate delivers a dense yet velvety texture with lush layers of plum and dark cherries finishing with firm, mouth-coating tannins. This wine will age beautifully for several years to come, but can be enjoyed now after decanting.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Van Duzer Corridor
Vineyard Source:	Weathergage Estate
Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir; Clones: Pommard, 943 & 777
Aging:	15 months in 25% new French oak — LeGrange, Boutes and Ermitage barrels
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.5
Case production:	400