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Four Graces

2021 HIGHGROUND PINOT NOIR
DOE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD YAMHILL-CARLTON

Established in 2003, The Four Graces is committed to making rich, complex wines where the fruit may be elegantly expressed. Our Highground Pinot Noir is one of four featured wines in our Reserve Graces tier: our Four Graces. “Highground” is named for the location of where the grapes for this wine are grown at the very top of our Doe Ridge Estate vineyards in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. These topmost vines are grown in a unique “diagonal” row orientation to capture the most sunlight every day. 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 Doe Ridge Estate vineyards in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA tend to ripen just after our Foley Estate vineyard in Dundee Hills and a few weeks before our Weathergage Estate vineyard in the Van Duzer Corridor.

VINEYARD

All fruit for the Highground Pinot Noir was sourced from our Doe Ridge Estate. On this property we continue to execute our sustainable winemaking practices. In addition to sustainable farming, the vineyard is LIVE certified and Salmon Safe. This wine is sourced from Blocks 16 and 17.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Highground Pinot Noir is vibrant and deep ruby in color. On the nose, aromas of blackberries and cassis are complemented by hints of orange peel and cedar. The palate delivers a smooth texture and layers of baked cherries and black tea. This dense and complex wine with full structure and powerful tannins is reflective of the characteristics of pinot noir grown in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

TECHNICAL DATA

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| Appellation: | Yamhill-Carlton |
| Vineyard Source: | Doe Ridge Estate |
| Varietal Composition: | 100% Pinot Noir; Clones: Pommard and 777 |
| Aging: | 15 months in 20% new French oak — Gamba, Cadus & Seguin Moreau barrels |
| Alcohol: | 14.5% |
| pH: | 3.62 |
| Case production: | 312 |