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Four Graces

2022 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

2022 will be remembered for the challenging but rewarding growing season in the Willamette Valley. April frosts 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 about 3 weeks later than 2021 starting in late September and finishing in October. The Weathergage Estate Vineyard is one of the last to ripen, and 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, 7 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 2022 Windborn Pinot Noir is deep and dark with shades of mahogany and garnet. On the nose, there are complex aromas of black cherry, coriander, and plum that are complemented by hints of black olive, cedar, underbrush and baking spices. The palate delivers a rich and dense midpalate with a long and persistent finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Van Duzer Corridor
Vineyard Source:	Weathergage Estate
Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir; Clones: Pommard & 943
Aging:	15 months in 28% new French oak—Marsannay, Billon, Ermitage, Seguin Moreau, and Orion barrels
Alcohol:	14.1%
pH:	3.65
Case production:	490