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2021 WHISTLING RIDGE PINOT NOIR

AVA: RIBBON RIDGE

PRODUCTION: 113 CASES

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL: 12.8%

ELEVAGE: 19 MONTHS FRENCH OAK
BARREL & PUNCHEON

VINEYARD: WHISTLING RIDGE

DRY FARMED

SOILS: SEDIMENTARY



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Whistling Ridge Vineyard sits ridge-top in the western edge of the Ribbon Ridge AVA. The vines catch the daily winds that blow in, slowing ripening, evaporating moisture, and thickening skins. Soils are eroded from uplifted marine sedimentary rock, 40 to 50 million years old, and dry out quickly in the growing season, forcing non-irrigated vines to grow roots deep in search of water. Richard and Patricia Alvord planted and have farmed the 14 acre plot for the past two and a half decades. Patricia does all of her own grafting, and Pinot Noir plantings are a selection massale of over half a dozen clones. The wines are structured, elegant and complex.

The wines from 2021 have an intense savorness to their structure, paired with a juicy liveliness to the fruit. The vintage of 2021 was marked both by the heat of the early season (starting with the “heat-dome” just after bloom) which thickened skins on the relatively small yeilds, and by the remarkably cool and measured end to the growing season, which kept acidity and flavors lively, and alcohols moderate. The 2021 Whistling Ridge Pinot Noir shows notes of red currants, cherry, and cranbeṛry, along with black fruits and amaro, dried rose petals, cinnamon, pie spices, and a hint of loamy earth. The palate is a similar story, with the trademark dry red fruits laid over an undercurrent of black fruit, floral tones, amaro-esque tannins, and bright acids. The balance of fruit and tannin is vinous, dry, and savory.

Goodfellow Family Cellars is a winemaker owned and operated winery in Oregon's beautiful Willamette Valley. Founded in 2002, and producing approximately 4000 cases annually, we focus on old vines planted in unique and beautiful sites, conscientious farming, and techniques of tradition in the cellar. We are members of the Deep Roots Coalition, a group of craft oriented wineries committed to sustainable farming and sourcing grapes solely from non-irrigated vines. We do this because it is the responsible choice, and because it produces the highest quality wine with the truest expression of place.