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2024 KNIGHT'S GAMBIT PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES: The 2024 Knight's Gambit Pinot Noir opens with expressive aromas of bright pomegranate and forest floor moss, reflecting a vintage of both abundance and finesse. Layers of cherry Danish, a touch of flinty minerality, and subtle toasted oak unfold across the palate with grace and complexity. Vibrant acidity keeps the wine lively and focused, while the warmth of the vintage brings depth and richness. The finish is velvety, elegant, and lingering, showcasing the distinctive character of Dundee Hills Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Knight's Gambit is one of our most consistent vineyards with gentle slopes at an elevation of 600 to 950 feet, showing off the purest Pinot Noir expression in the Dundee Hills. Grapes were hand-harvested, de-stemmed, and gravity fed into small, open top fermenters. 2-week fermentations were tasted daily and necessary adjustments made to temperature, cap management, and desire for extraction. After pressing, wines are sent to French oak barrels where they undergo malolactic fermentation and maturation for 15 months. This year's blend includes a diverse selection of clones, fermentations, and barrel selections, including 28% new French oak.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW: The 2024 growing season fell perfectly in line with our long-term averages. Optimal bud break, typical spring flowering with April showers, and summer temperatures that provided slow, extended ripening across our vineyards. Months of averages doesn't always sound impressive, but we couldn't have asked for a better growing season. Harvest started on September 9 at our Pinot Gris vineyards in the Umpqua Valley. The pace of harvest felt too good to be true – favorable weather allowed fruit to ripen slowly that gave us time and focus at the winery. Winemakers across the Willamette Valley all agreed, this would be a vintage for the ages. We finished harvest on October 14, just in time as the winter rains kicked in.



TECHNICAL DATA:

APPELLATION: Dundee Hills, Oregon

VINEYARDS: Knight's Gambit Vineyard

HARVEST DATES: Sept. 27- Oct 11, 2024

BARREL REGIME: 15 months, 100% French, 28% new

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

CASES PRODUCED: 500

VEGAN: Yes