



2021

Pinot Noir Tall Poppy

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Vineyard:

Established in 1983, Yamhill Valley Vineyards is the second oldest vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. We produce 100% estate grown wines from our 150-acre estate located in the Willamette Valley. Thanks to the geologic history and geographic location, our site is known for intense, enduring wines, grown with distinction. The 2021 Tall Poppy is comprised of the Pommard, 667, and 777 clones. It is sourced from four blocks within our estate: Deerfield, Rainbow 777, First Light and Hilltop.

Vintage:

The 2021 vintage produced some of the best fruit and richest wines we have seen in recent years. Rain during flowering reduced yields and was followed by a hot, dry summer with record breaking heat waves. Thankfully, the heat waves took place prior to veraison when the fruit starts to soften and develop color. During this extreme heat, the vines shut down, protecting their resources and energy which limits impacts of stress on the fruit, all while drying out and reducing disease pressure. Harvest started in mid-September and the first fruit we brought in expressed depth and intensity. Part way through harvest we welcomed rain which plumped up the clusters still on the vine and offered softer, more fruit forward elements to work with. The timing of the rain gave us more complexity to play with in the cellar and balance in the resulting wine. Overall, in the 2021 vintage we witnessed true resilience from our vines, lending to wines with big personalities.

Winemaking:

Grapes were hand-picked and delivered to the crush pad where they were hand-sorted and de-stemmed. After a one-day cold soak they were inoculated and punched down daily. Once the tannins, color, acidity, and complex fruit flavors found their balance, the free run was removed, settled, and put to barrel. This wine aged in barrel for 16 months in 20% new French oak, picking up more layers of complexity and bold aromatics to accentuate the generous black fruit qualities.

Tasting Notes:

Dark garnet color, black currant, white pepper, rose, soft spice, supple texture.

Winemaker:	Alcohol:	RS:	pH:	TA:
Ariel Eberle	13.5%	<0.1 g/l	3.39	5.8 g/l

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