



2022 Polk County Cuvée Pinot Noir



Having skipped this bottling in 2020, our '22 selection marks our fifth example from the Southern Eola-Amity Hills and includes the same four sites as in 2021. The high blocks from Witness Tree form the base (37%), with equal parts of Temperance Hill and Sojeau Vineyards (both 25%), with the balance from the West side of Justice Vineyard (13%). Small percentages of whole cluster in all but Justice Vineyard, the respective sites were aged separately for nearly fifteen months in barrel before assemblage at the very end of January, ensuring nearly a month in stainless steel to come together before bottling on February 20th.

Maybe our most “classic” grey label yet; a wound up, tense, and reductive/flinty earthiness providing the initial punch before revealing strong floral and woody aromas, eventually showing the very red and deep fruit characters as it opens. A briny attack, showing no extra weight or fat, leading to unctuous ripe strawberry fruit and spices, with ample salinity across the palate. Incredibly deft with more air, showing the trademark focus and complex expression this bottling has offered over the years. Always on the funkier side of the spectrum, the wild and coiled power in this blend works toward a more distinctive tone, creating the delicious balance between primary, vibrant fruit and pure, soulful savoriness.

- *395 cases and 18 magnums produced*