

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

FRENCH SOUL ~ OREGON SOIL

Dear Friends –

AUGUST 2020

2017 was particularly special for our winemaker, Véronique Boss-Drouhin. That summer, she and her family celebrated their 30th Anniversary in Oregon, and that Fall, her father Robert and elder daughter joined her for harvest. It was an emotional moment, she recalls, “to feel the deep connection between our generations, and to share our love for these vineyards.” The 2017 Laurène is now the 26th release of Cuvée Laurène, and the first made with the help of Laurène herself. For this alone, the wine will always be special, but you can be sure that the wine stands with the best of what has been produced at DDO over the years and will be memorable for years to come.



We are very pleased to share a new boutique offering to supplement your wine club: “The Exclusives.” These unique vineyard expressions, in the form of small production wines such as the Edition Limitée selections, are not included in your regular club shipments. Many of you have expressed interest in receiving these wines on an ongoing basis, and thus “The Exclusives” was created just for you. Please reach out directly to learn more about this offering.

Earlier this spring we unveiled our new website (www.domainedrouhin.com) and we hope you’ve had a chance to explore the site. There, you’ll find the most up-to-date information about our latest releases, your specific membership details, upcoming events, and more! Please let us know what you think – we hope you agree that this makes connecting even easier.

Enfin, it’s worth saying again how much we value your friendship, loyalty, and support. We are grateful for your visits to the winery, kind emails, friendly phone calls, and continued membership.

— Your DDO Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBERS-ONLY 2017 LAURÈNE TASTING APPOINTMENTS:

August 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th
By Advance Reservation Only

PASSEPORT DU MONDE

Lunch each Tuesday at 11:30 am
Dinner each Thursday at 6:00 pm

7/28 – Peru	8/18 – Ethiopia
7/30 – Argentina	8/20 – Morocco
8/4 – Cuba	8/25 – Greece
8/6 – Jamaica	8/27 – Italy
8/11 – Vietnam	9/1 – Mexico
8/13 – Philippines	9/3 – USA

NEXT DDO DIRECT SHIPMENT:

Winter 2021

**2019 Chardonnay Arthur
2019 Pinot Noir Dundee Hills**



TASTING NOTES

Summer 2020 Shipment:

2017 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR LAURÈNE

About Laurène Cuvée

Named after Véronique Boss-Drouhin's elder daughter, Laurène is our flagship wine and is produced entirely from Pinot Noir grown on the family's estate in the Dundee Hills. The fruit is handpicked into small totes, destemmed, fermented with indigenous yeasts, and then placed into French Oak barrels. Once the vintage is safely in the cellar, Véronique begins the process of selecting barrels which have an extra complexity, length, and depth — barrels which will work together as Laurène.

The Vintage

A cool, wet spring slowed the arrival of bud break, but warming temperatures made for a very productive summer. By late August moderate weather set in, allowing fruit maturation to slow. By the middle of September temperatures were perfect. Over the course of nearly three weeks we were able to harvest parcel by parcel, each at the optimal level of ripeness. In the end, 2017 gave us beautifully balanced fruit with delightful flavors and lovely length.

Harvest Dates: September 21 - October 10, 2017

Bottling Date: January 23, 2019

Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2017 Laurène has charm and character—vibrant, yet restrained, which allows the vintage's detail to be expressed. On the nose, the 2017 Laurène carries notes of pure, sweet cherry, pomegranate, baking spice, ripe blackberries, wild herbs, and fresh sage. While intensely woven now, a few years of cellaring will reveal silk, elegance, and expressive depth of texture. I trust this wine will age for 8-10 years effortlessly.



Véronique Drouhin