

OREGON

# FRENCH SOUL ~ OREGON SOIL

Dear Friends 🗕

Here's to a new year with new hopes, new possibilities, and yes, even new wines. While the memories of this past year are unlikely to fade quickly, we are grateful for the

knowledge that something good, no matter how small, happens every day. True, there were times when one had to dig pretty deep, but based on what you told us throughout the year, you too found success.

So, dear friends, we are delighted to announce our winter club shipment: the 2019 Chardonnay Arthur and the 2019 Pinot Noir Dundee Hills! The 2019 vintage feels like a throwback to the kind of year we used to see more often, with relatively cool temperatures throughout the growing season. And while the warmth of some years makes for exceptional wines, Véronique has a soft spot for years in which the vines have to work a little harder to achieve full ripeness and complexity.

To stay in touch with us throughout the year, feel free to call or email us, or simply visit our website and social media sites. We do our best to connect with you in new and exciting ways and give you more unique ways to experience our wines. Whether it's digitally or in person, we look forward to spending more time with you this year!

In the meantime, we'll be watching as the light at the end of the tunnel grows brighter.

Stay safe and be well!

— Your DDO Team

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## Members-Only Private Virtual Tasting

While we'd love to see you in person, we know that is not always possible right now. Instead, we would like to offer a private zoom tasting to you and up to six of your friends, hosted by one of our knowledgable tasting room associates at your convience to go through these new releases with you!

Zoom appointments available through April 30th.

Call us to schedule your tasting and learn more! (503) 864-2700

NEXT DDO DIRECT SHIPMENT Spring 2021

2018 Pinot Noir Cuvée Louise

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#### The Vintage

In 2019 we saw a return to the classic ever changing Oregon growing season. Winter started out relatively mild, but gradually became largely cold and wet. Spring was warmer but also wet, and despite some mild frosts in April, there were also warmer than average temperatures. Through the summer there were fewer heat spikes and then cooler skies for harvest.

> Harvest Dates: 9/20/19 - 10/10/19 Dundee Hills Bottling Dates: 12/14/20- 12/17/20 Arthur Bottling Date: 9/1/20

#### 2019 CHARDONNAY ARTHUR

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The 2019 Arthur is joyously fresh and fragrant with the intricacy and detail of spring blossoms. Here, clarity of flavor and balanced precision are front and center, lifting the pure chardonnay expression effortlessly from the glass. One finds aromatic notes of Anjou pear, green apple blossom, cardamom and coriander. Refinement and elegance follow through on the palate, Domaine Drouhin all wrapped in a very fine texture. Enjoy now, but I expect this Arthur to age beautifully for the next 5-7 years.

### 2019 PINOT NOIR DUNDEE HILLS

Our 2019 Dundee Hills Estate Pinot Noir is beautifully concentrated with a decidedly complex bouquet. Restrained notes of red currant compote and tobacco transition to youthful spice and bramble. Texturally very pleasing, velvety palate seamlessly blends a kirsch core with an appealing influence of earthy undertones and a touch of vanilla. The engaging finish is luxuriously long and elegant. I do not doubt that this wine will continue to develop beautifully over the next 8-12 years.



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