

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

FRENCH SOUL ~ OREGON SOIL

Dear Friends –

The start of spring always brings excitement and this year the feeling of renewal will be even sweeter. Here in the Pacific Northwest, winter was largely mild, save the epic mid-February snow and ice storm. Now, longer, brighter days are ahead, and growth is on the horizon. The story of the 2021 vintage will soon unfold; that promise is what all of us in the wine community live for.

Your shipment focuses on one of our rarest bottlings, the Cuvée Louise, from the legend-in-the-making 2018 vintage. What's more, it marks the 20th release of Louise and true to form, it is a selection of our most exceptional barrels. This idea began in 1999, and to this day, each barrel is chosen for its beautifully balanced flavors, elegant tannins, incredible depth, and joyous expression of place. At the winery we've recently enjoyed Louise bottles from 2005, 2011, and 2014, proving that extended cellaring is worth the wait. If you haven't already, please contact us to add a magnum or jeroboam to your collection.

Looking a little further ahead, we are finalizing details on new experiences to share with you, both in person at the winery and virtually. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates! We are eager to connect with you soon. As always, we thank you for your loyalty, support, and friendship!

— Your Friends at DDO

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IN THE PRESS

96 JAMES SUCKLING.COM

“The palate is so succulent and has an ethereal mix of deep flavors and elegantly silky tannins.”

95 Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

“The medium-bodied palate is powerful, with a firm, fresh frame and intense, earth-laced fruits.”

NEXT DDO DIRECT SHIPMENT:

Summer 2021

2018 Pinot Noir Laurène

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TASTING NOTES

Spring 2021 Shipment: 2018 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR CUVÉE LOUISE

About Cuvée Louise

Our Cuvée Louise is a very special bottling and extremely rare in its production. Each vintage, Véronique focuses on a few favorite barrels that, once nurtured and artfully blended, will become Louise. Seamless, complex, layered, and deeply pleasing, it is a rare and decidedly wonderful wine.

The Vintage

Our run of exceptional vintages here in Oregon continues with 2018. The season started on a slightly wet and cool note leading to a late bud break, but caught up quickly. After dry weather and occasional heat spikes in July and August, the end of summer brought comfortable temperatures, a little rainfall, and the perfect setup for harvest.

Harvest Dates: September 28 - October 10, 2018

Louise Bottling Date: February 10, 2020

Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2018 Louise has a charming but serious approach. The wine brims with cassis and red cherries and there is a welcome, toasted spice component, along with a savory, smoky oak note that adds to the complexity. Its texture is both luxurious and plush, lifted by notes of ruby plum and black cherry, leading to a spicy and persistent finish. The finesse and length are already impressive, as is Louise's expressiveness and seamlessness. If you have patience, you will be well rewarded as the flavors and depth evolve over the next 10+ years.

