

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

FRENCH SOUL ~ OREGON SOIL

Dear Friends –

Hello summer! After a rather wet and cool spring, the sunny skies and warmer temperatures are most welcome. We expect that harvest will be late, but being a wine grower is an exercise in patience anyway. For now, we're enjoying the enormous growth we're seeing in the vineyards.

In this shipment, we are pleased to release the spectacular 2019 Pinot Noir Laurène. This is our final release from the classic 2019 growing season, which was a return to the milder conditions of the pre-2014 years here in Oregon. Véronique likes to say, 'a wine should always be good,' which is her way of saying that balance, length on the palate, and other indicators of excellence should be evident from the beginning. Our 2019 Laurène is a perfect example of a wine that is showing beautifully now and will age gracefully for many years to come. It is ideal for laying down in 750ml bottles or larger formats.

Thank you for being part of DDO Direct. We appreciate this opportunity to share our wines with you, and we hope to see you at the winery soon!

— *Your Friends at DDO*

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IN THE PRESS

96+ *Robert Parker*
WINE ADVOCATE

"The palate is silky, intense and long, with a plethora of savory accents hinting at more to come."

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"Aromas of cherries, wild strawberries, dried flowers and spice box. Pure and balanced, following through to a long, savory finish. Solid."

NEXT DDO DIRECT SHIPMENT:

Fall 2022

2021 Chardonnay Arthur

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TASTING NOTES

Summer 2022 Shipment:

2019 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR LAURÈNE

About Cuvée Laurène

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

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: September 20 - October 9, 2019

Bottling Date: February 10, 2021

Véronique's Tasting Notes

In the flush of its youth, the 2019 Laurène sparkles like a bright ruby. Cherry, mulberry, blackcurrant, and spices all harmonize into a beautifully aromatic bouquet. An overall graceful character is balanced by a firm structure and velvety tannins. This Laurène is a shining example of everything we've come to know and cherish from our vineyards in the Dundee Hills.

— Véronique Drouhin

