

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

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Dear Friends,

We'd like to begin 2023 with some excitement: we have a new wine to share with you!

You know our story well, and you know that we are inspired by the years of love and work that have brought us to this moment. The 2021 vintage marks our 34th here in Oregon, and over the decades, Véronique has learned a lot from the vineyards and what they choose to say as they mature across the blocks. Today, we can talk about the personality of our estate and the character of individual blocks.

Recent vintages have allowed us time to pause, listen, and identify singular expressions. While pleasurable on their own, harmony is found with the alignment of complementary voices achieved through careful consideration. In this manner, the Laurène, Louise, and Edition Limitée cuvées were born. And in this vein, it happened again when another polyphony was revealed. We are thrilled to introduce our newest cuvée: the Origine 34 Pinot Noir.

The Origine cuvée acknowledges both our beginning and our present. It is a limited release, available only at the winery. It is very much an expression of our Dundee Hills estate while also presenting the kinds of nuances and subtleties that have defined Véronique's work.

As members of our wine club, we can't wait to share it with you first. In your next club release, you will receive the Origine 34 in place of the 2021 Pinot Noir Dundee Hills. Rest assured, you will still be able to purchase our Dundee Hills cuvée from the winery at your member-discounted price and select wine retailers and restaurants.

And yes, we expect the recently concluded 2022 harvest to give us... Origine 35, to be released to you in 2024.

A votre santé!

Your friends at DDO



NEXT SHIPMENTS:

MARCH 2023 | 2021 Pinot Noir Louise - *Allocated*

MAY 2023 | 2021 Edition Limitée Pinot Noir & Chardonnay - *Exclusives Enhancement*



2021 PINOT NOIR ORIGINE 34

The nose of the 2021 Pinot Noir Origine 34 draws me in immediately. Perfumed and vibrant, with ripe cranberry, orange peel, and a trace of velvety rose petal. The mouthfeel is surprisingly juicy, with tart cherry, red gooseberry, and cassis flavors articulating some of what I find most beautiful with our estate lots. On the finish, I love the precise balance of minerality and graceful generosity - sure signs of how it will continue to develop and evolve for years to come. Enjoy!

- Vinny Drouhin

The Vintage

Harvest Dates: 9/8/21-10/2/21



While winter temperatures were slightly warmer than average, and drought conditions continued across the west, February was defined by an ice-storm unlike anything seen in the Willamette Valley for 40 years.



The growing season started out relatively cool but continued dry. The Willamette Valley saw mild to moderate early to mid-April frosts, followed by an early season heat event at the start of May. At the end of June, we experienced the warmest days ever recorded in the Valley, and yet the vines remained healthy and resilient.



At the end of this dramatic growing season, the vines delivered grapes with complex flavors, incredible balance, and layers of elegance. As winemakers and grape growers, we couldn't have asked for a better gift from the vineyard.

