

Domaine Drouhin

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Pinot Noir Origine 35

About Origine 35

As a winery, time gives us our greatest gifts. More experience, older vines, the opportunities to pause and listen, to pursue the singular expressions that will eventually become harmonious pieces of a whole. The 2022 vintage marks our 35th here in Oregon, and we are pleased to introduce the Origine cuvée – an acknowledgment of both our beginning and our present. 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. The Origine cuvée is a limited release, available only through the winery.

The Vintage

The 2022 growing season began with great optimism. After a reasonable winter, bud break started in early April, right on schedule. Then, an unprecedented arctic air mass swept in, bringing snowfall, below-freezing temperatures, and the first-ever frost to impact our vineyards. Subsequent cool and damp conditions over the next few months caused sluggish vine growth, putting us 2-4 weeks behind by June. Mercifully, Mother Nature bestowed abundant sunshine and higher-than-average temperatures on us as harvest approached, resulting in a gentle conclusion to the season and excellent fruit ripeness. While the Pinot Noir crop volumes were lower than usual, the quality of the fruit was exceptional - a compromise that we gladly accept!

Winemaking

Our Dundee Hills estate Pinot Noir is organically grown and handpicked, then hand-sorted and de-stemmed in our four-level gravity flow winery. Fermentation is long and careful. Blending is a puzzle solved over time. In the case of Origine 35, the wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered after a 14-month élevage.

Véronique’s Tasting Notes

Introducing Origine 35—a radiant ruby-red Pinot Noir produced entirely from our Dundee Hills Estate. Debuting last year with Origine 34, the new 2022 vintage is alive with aromas of fresh raspberries, strawberries, tart cherries, and hints of pepper. Bright cranberry notes gracefully dance on the palate alongside warm baking spices and delicate rose petals, creating refined complexity and a pleasing finish. Origine 35 is a celebration of our history and the 2022 vintage in all of its challenges and glories. It is a delight in the glass today and promises to mature gracefully for years to come.

— Véronique Drouhin



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