

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

2022 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

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

All of our Dundee Hills Estate Pinot Noir is handpicked, hand-sorted and de-stemmed, and then allowed to ferment at its own pace. Typically in barrel for 15 months, Louise maintains its sense of place and vintage character through a gentle élevage, and the use of only 20% new French oak. Our goal is to produce Pinot Noir with balance, elegance and finesse, and Louise best exemplifies these qualities.

Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2022 Cuvée Louise embraces its deep, rich garnet hue and striking clarity. The nose features hints of crushed cherries, toasted pecans, sun-dried orange peels, and a very desirable earthiness, with the quintessential spice character found on our Dundee Hills estate. Simply put, it's a joy to me, and hopefully to you. The wine is delicious now and with good storage it should be a delight to visit over the next 10 to 20 years.

Santé

- Véronique Drouhin

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