

# Stoller

FAMILY ESTATE

## 2021 RUTH'S PINOT NOIR

SRP: \$100 | 100 CASES PRODUCED

BLACK CHERRY  
FOREST FLOOR  
GENEROUS



### APPELLATION

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon

### VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Ruth's cuvée is sourced from the oldest section of Pommard clone Pinot Noir on our estate. Planted in 1995 at over 500 feet in elevation, these vines are deeply rooted in Jory volcanic soil.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

### ÉLEVAGE

This wine was aged in French oak barrels, 40% of which were new, for 11 months before barrel selections were made. The blend then aged for an additional 6 months in barrel before bottling.

### HARVEST

September 2021

### ALCOHOL

14.1%

### BOTTLING

March 2023

### pH

3.58

### NOTES FROM THE WINEMAKER

Ruth's Pinot Noir is sourced from some of the oldest vines on the Stoller estate, which are planted at the highest point on our hillside. This unique combination of vine age and elevation yields wines of incredible concentration and complexity. Vibrant aromas of black cherry, ripe plum, and star anise rise above undertones of red earth and damp forest floor. The subtle presence of oak frames an abundance of black fruit and ferrous minerality on the palate. Generous, pleasing tannins play across the mouth, while the wine's brilliant acidity carries it to a supple and luxurious finish.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2021 growing season was warmer than average in the Willamette Valley, producing beautifully ripe fruit with vibrant flavors. A dry spring led to lingering rain showers during bloom, which reduced the yield in some blocks. Then, an abnormal heatwave spread across the valley, with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees Fahrenheit. Fortunately, the fruit prospered as high temperatures occurred between bloom and véraison when berries were hard and less sensitive to damage. Temperatures tapered off prior to harvest, with warm days and cool nights, which allowed the fruit to ripen at an even and slower pace. Quick yet seemingly smooth, harvest started on August 21 with little to no breaks until we finished on September 26. The resulting wines are balanced with focused flavors, stunning fruit, gorgeous vibrancy, and incredible aging potential.



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