



# CHEHALEM

## 2023 RIDGECREST VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

SRP: \$50 | 550 CASES PRODUCED

DARK FRUIT  
FLORAL  
STRUCTURED

### APPELLATION

Ribbon Ridge, Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley, Oregon

### VINEYARD COMPOSITION

An intentional barrel selection of three clones across seven sections, this wine presents a snapshot of Ridgecrest Vineyard. The clonal breakdown is 55% Pommard, 23% Wädenswil, 22% Dijon clone 115.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

### ÉLEVAGE

This wine was harvested by hand and fermented in stainless steel tanks. It aged for ten months in 43% new French oak barrels before it was raked, blended, and returned to neutral barrels to integrate for four months prior to bottling.

### HARVEST

September 2023

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### BOTTLING

January 2025

### pH

3.43



### NOTES FROM THE WINEMAKER

This wine opens with a floral lift of violet and rose, followed by dense dark fruit, including black cherry and bramble. The nose is layered and expressive. On the palate, it is bold from the start, with firm, chalky tannins that carry through the mid-palate. A vivid line of structure supports the wine, allowing the floral and fruit notes to echo through the finish.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2023 vintage will be remembered as a year of abundance, with harmonious grapevine development for all growing regions in the Northwest. As winter transitioned into spring, temperatures remained relatively cool, delaying bud break into late May. The weather pattern then shifted to moderately warm and dry, creating excellent conditions for an accelerated bloom that led to perfect pollination and abundant fruit set. Our vineyards ripened in the final two to three weeks of September, creating a condensed window for optimum harvest. Thanks to the remarkable summer and fall weather, yields were greater than average and exceeded our own estimates. The wines crafted from the 2023 vintage display excellent quality demonstrated by generous flavors and complex textures.

