

# Technical Notes

## 2021 PRELUDE

ESTATE ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR  
CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

*Named for Franz Liszt's  
"Symphonic Poem No. 3: Les Preludes"*

Retail: \$28



Production: 101 Cases  
Clones: 52.8% Pommard - 8-year vines  
47.2% 113 - 6-year vines  
Soils: Jory  
Harvest: Sept. 12, 2021 (113) | Sept. 26, 2021 (Pommard)  
Harvest Brix: 24.2 (average)  
Cooperage: Aged 6 months  
Bottled: February 28, 2022      Released: March 15, 2022  
Alcohol: 12.9%      pH: 3.27      TA: 6.3 g/L

The Willamette Valley's 2021 growing season presented unique challenges. We experienced a three-day "heat dome" in June, with record temperatures hovering around 115-degrees during berry development. The result was a profusion of small berries and small cluster weights, driving significant color and flavor intensity. While we thought this might mean lower yields, that proved not to be the case. The rest of the summer was warm and dry, and harvest was quite spread out—some vineyards ripened earlier than anticipated and some later. The resulting wines are luscious and complex with fruit-driven flavors and balanced acidity.

For the 2021 Prelude Rosé, we returned to our estate vineyard on 100% volcanic Jory soil. Pommard (on 3309 rootstock) from our older (2014) Pinot planting is joined for the first time by Dijon 113 clone (on 101-14 rootstock) from our newer (2016) Pinot planting. This equal-parts blend was cold-soaked for 40 hours then lightly pressed before fermentation, then aged for 6 months. The resulting full-bodied, highly complex, savory Rosé features evenly balanced acid and fruit, making it equally suitable for enjoying with or without food.



**BELLS UP**  
WINERY

Micro-boutique, un-domaine and always open by appointment, Bells Up composes Oregon Pinot Noir, Rosé, Pinot Blanc, Seyval Blanc, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate vineyard and micro-sites in the Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon. Established in 2013, our first wines were released Memorial Day 2015. We make ~500 cases annually.

The 9-acre estate in the Chehalem Mountains AVA is being planted in phases. Three acres of Pommard and Clone 667 were planted spring 2014 with 1,000 plants in these two blocks field grafted to Clones 115 and 777 in Spring 2021; the Willamette Valley's first planting of a 0.5-acre of Seyval Blanc in spring 2015; and 2.5 acres of Wadenswil, 113 and 943 planted in spring 2016. The first estate harvest was fall 2017. In fall 2020 and 2021 the Seyval Blanc block was expanded to meet demand. An obscure Northern Italian varietal was planted in fall 2020 in a new 0.5-acre block. Pinot Blanc (0.75-acre) was planted in fall 2021.

The name "Bells Up" refers to a dramatic moment in a classical music score instructing French horn players to raise their instruments' bells and project sound with maximum intensity. Winemaker and owner Dave Specter—a French horn player for 20+ years—calls the winery his "Bells Up" moment.

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