

Technical Notes

2022 PRELUDE

ESTATE ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR
CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

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

Retail: \$30



Production:	108 Cases		
Clones:	40% Pommard - 9-year vines		
	40% 113 - 7-year vines		
	20% 667 - 9-year vines		
Soils:	Jory		
Harvest:	October 16, 2022		
Harvest Brix:	26.0 (average)		
Cooperage:	Aged 6 months		
Bottled:	March 27, 2023	Released:	April 1, 2023
Alcohol:	12.8%	pH:	3.28
		TA:	5.7 g/L

The 2022 growing season was another roller coaster ride for Willamette Valley growers. A mid-April freeze at budbreak, followed by unseasonably cool and wet May and June weather, delayed harvest into mid-October for the first time in a decade. Fortunately, our vineyard avoided frost damage to the primary buds and the resulting clusters were much larger than normal, with high seed counts per berry. Summer was milder overall, but the warmest and driest September and October on record gave the fruit the opportunity to develop the flavors we've come to expect from our estate. The resulting wines show a lighter, elegant red fruit character with balanced acidity.

For the 2022 Prelude Rosé of Pinot Noir we blended dedicated estate Pommard and Dijon clone 667 from our 2014 planting with Dijon clone 113 from our 2016 planting. This blend was cold-soaked for 44 hours then lightly pressed before primary fermentation, followed by a malolactic ferment, then aged 6 months. The resulting full-bodied, highly complex 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 ~600 cases annually.

The 9-acre estate in the Chehalem Mountains AVA is being planted in phases. Three acres of Pommard and Dijon 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. Schioppettino 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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