Technical Notes

2022 MAESTRO

ESTATE RESERVE PINOT NOIR
CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

Named in honor of Maestro John Williams, whose beloved cinematic scores—featuring multiple French Horn themes—have moved audiences for seven decades.

Retail: $58

Production:	97 Cases				
Clones:	50.0% 943 - 7-year vines		25.0% 667 - 9-year vines		
	12.5% Pommard - 9-year vines		12.5% 113 - 7-year vines		
Soil:	Jory				
Harvest:	Oct. 9, 2022 (943) | Oct. 16, 2022 (667/Pommard/113)				
Harvest Brix:	25.0 (average)				
Cooperage:	Aged 12 months in French oak (25% new)				
Bottled:	Dec. 5, 2023		Released:	Sept. 15, 2025	
Alcohol:	13.7%	pH:	3.64	TA:	5.5 g/L

In 2022 we celebrated our first year of "Pinot Independence." That is, for the first time 100% of the Pinot noir we made was sourced entirely from the Bells Up Estate vineyard, which we began planting in 2014.

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 rich, complex flavors we've come to expect from our estate fruit.

Maestro is composed to highlight the high-toned characteristics of Dijon clone 943, which is exceedingly rare in the Willamette Valley. The resulting 2022 Maestro displays its trademark "soaring shape" on the palate, with a bright, elegant quality and red-fruit flavors—complemented by sufficient acidity to enrich its mouthfeel.

BELLS UP
WINERY

Micro-boutique, un-domaine and always open by appointment, Bells Up composes Oregon Pinot Noir, Rosé, Pinot Blanc, Seyval Blanc, and Schioppettino from our estate vineyard, and Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon from Summit View Vineyard in Milton-Freewater. Established in 2013, 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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