

Technical Notes

2023 PRELUDE

ESTATE ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

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

Retail: \$34



Production:	61 Cases		
Clones:	40% Pommard - 10-year vines		
	40% 113 - 8-year vines		
	20% 667 - 10-year vines		
Soils:	Jory		
Harvest:	September 16, 2023		
Harvest Brix:	25.6		
Cooperage:	Aged 6 months		
Bottled:	March 1, 2024	Released:	March 1, 2025
Alcohol:	13.2%	pH:	3.73
		TA:	4.4 g/L

The 2023 growing season was yet another reminder that the Willamette Valley can be full of surprises. An unseasonably cool and wet winter and early spring delayed budbreak until the very beginning of May—about 2 weeks later than normal. Summer was warmer than average and dry as usual... But the real surprise came in early September, when we realized that harvest in the Northern Willamette Valley (where our estate vineyard is located) would actually be three weeks earlier than we anticipated! This resulted in one of the shortest growing seasons we've experienced in our 12 harvests in this region.

For the 2023 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 48 hours then lightly pressed before primary fermentation, followed by a malolactic ferment to smooth its acidity and soften its mouthfeel, then aged 6 months in tank. The resulting full-bodied, highly complex Rosé features evenly balanced acid and fruit, making it equally suitable for enjoying with or without food.



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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