



MONTINORE ESTATE

2021

# PARSONS' RIDGE

*Willamette Valley, Oregon*



APPELLATION  
**WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

VINEYARD  
**MONTINORE ESTATE**

SOIL  
**LAURELWOOD  
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE  
**39 YEARS**

VARIETY  
**100% PINOT NOIR**

CLONE  
**POMMARD**

CASE PRODUCTION  
**152**

COOPERAGE  
**100% FRENCH  
32% NEW  
AGED 10 MONTHS**

FERMENTATION  
**NATIVE YEAST**

pH  
**3.59**

TA  
**5.3**

ALCOHOL  
**13.5%**

WINEMAKER  
**STEPHEN WEBBER**

BOTTLING DATE  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

## THE VINTAGE

2021 was another year of extremes in Oregon. The spring started out with good soil moisture and average weather. Unfortunately, during the bloom we had a cool rainy period and even some hail that significantly reduced the size of our crop right from the start. After bloom we had good fruit remaining on the clusters. Summer brought a legendary heat to the Northwest with two record-breaking days of 115° and 116°. Fortunately, the hot weather didn't damage the fruit, but we had some disruption of cluster development resulting in smaller bunches of grapes at harvest. After the heat dome episode, the weather turned back to more normal Northwest conditions, and we had a very nice ripening. The fruit we did get was of excellent quality although the harvest was very small.

## THE WINEMAKING

This wine is a blend of select barrels sourced from Block 3, also known as Parsons' Ridge, located on a small saddle on the Eastern side of the home vineyard. It is cane pruned and trellised in a looped fashion to ensure even nutrient distribution and uniform cluster development. On skin maceration lasted 2 weeks with fermentation temps in the high 80s to low 90s. After primary fermentation, the wine is lightly pressed off and moved to barrel for full malolactic fermentation. Maturation occurred in barrels exclusively produced by cooper Mercurey including one puncheon for 10 months. Single barrels were tasted by the Winemaker with multiple trial blends constructed and tasted by the cellar team before the final blend was finished. This wine underwent light pad filtration prior to being bottled in September 2022.

## THE WINE

One of three single-block Pinot Noirs, the 2021 Parsons' Ridge is a quintessential Willamette Valley Pinot. Made from the Pommard clone and aged in French Oak, the wine exhibits an intoxicating nose of blackberries, cherries and pie crust. The palate is rich but clean with jammy fruit forward notes of sweet cherry and berries complimented by notes of dark chocolate and forest floor. We love the slight oakiness paired with the lingering notes of dark fruit on the finish, prompting you to refill your glass.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes  
Certified Organic by CCOF