

ARGYLE

Rosé | 2020
Willamette Valley AVA

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TASTING NOTES

Small, mixed plantings of high density Pinot Noir and Chardonnay planted at Knudsen Vineyard were de-stemmed together for a cold, 48-hour co-maceration adding delicate yet, creamy texture, while direct pressed Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from Lone Star Vineyard provides its sturdy core and tension. A small amount of direct press Knudsen Vineyard Pinot Meunier was blended in at the very end to enhance the floral aromatics and silkiness. Long, cool fermentation in neutral wood barrels and aged on the lees for 6 months, the refreshing acidity is woven together with subtle lees texture and mineral length.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 Willamette Valley growing season began with a moderate winter followed by a fairly wet spring, leading to a mid to late April bud break, depending upon vineyard elevation. A cool and rain-afflicted middle of June lead to a challenging bloom, resulting in some of our lowest yields that we've seen in here in a long time. The rest of the summer was quite beautiful—a classic no-AC-required type of Oregon summer that we haven't had for a number of years. A late August/early September heat spike really got the small fruit crop ripening in a hurry, which got us into picking mode starting September 1st with Chardonnay at Lone Star Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills. After a week of picking, easterly winds blew smoke from the Cascades into the Valley, causing us to stop and reevaluate our harvest plans. We moved with Mother Nature and decided not to pick any more red wine after the fires in order to focus on sparkling wine, chardonnay, riesling and still wine rosé, keeping wine quality at the core and involving very gentle, low yield pressing. We finished picking on October 23rd, also at Lone Star Vineyard, with a small parcel of late-ripening Riesling.

1000 CASES

ABV 12.0%

WINE MAKER Nate Klostermann

HARVESTED Sept. 4-7, 2020

COMPOSITION 85% Pinot Noir, 5% Pinot Meunier,
10% Chardonnay

pH 3.15

TA 8.0 g/L

BRIX AT HARVEST 20.2

BARREL AGING 100% Neutral Barrel



VINEYARD1 Knudsen Vineyard

LOCATION Dundee Hills

ELEVATION 530-1000 ft.

VINEYARD2 Lone Star Vineyard

LOCATION Eola-Amity Hills

ELEVATION 400 ft.