



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

2021 EMERY PINOT NOIR

YAMHILL-CARLTON | ESTATE GROWN

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

EMERY

Emery sits upon a beautifully exposed, central ridgeline near the crest of the WillaKenzie Estate, with an elevation ranging from 600' to 730'. The site's combination of exposure, soils and elevation result in a harmonious growing environment for the grapevines. As a result, Pinot Noirs from Emery are beautifully balanced, complex and offer tremendous depth.

VINTAGE NOTES

Overall, the 2021 growing season was warm, dry and lovely. Berries and grape cluster weights were slightly reduced as a result of both cool, wet weather during flowering as well as very dry conditions during the summer. Dry, sunny and nearly perfect conditions continued well into harvest. The lower yields and stunning weather contributed to wines with beautiful fruit flavors, richness, and balance.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested by hand from our Emery parcels on September 23rd and September 24th, 2021. The grapes from each of those blocks were fermented separately and spent approximately three weeks on their skins before being transferred to French Oak barrels. The wines then spent approximately 16 months in barrel prior to blending and bottling without fining or filtration.

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

PH: 3.65 **TA:** 5.2 g/L

ÉLEVAGE

16 months French Oak (61% new)

CLONE

50% Pommard
33% Dijon Clone 667
17% Dijon Clone 777

SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

TASTING NOTES

This complex wine offers an array of fruit driven and savory notes, with layered aromas of black cherry, Chinese Five Spice, and the sweet smell of fall. On the palate, the wine is sensual and graceful with a long finish and refined tannins.

PRODUCTION

432 cases

ACCLAIM

94 POINTS- *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*
Erin Brooks, July 2024

94 POINTS - *JamesSuckling.com*
James Suckling, March 2024

93 POINTS - *Vinous*
Eric Guido, August 2024