

# GROUND WINE COMPANY

## LANDFORM

### PINOT NOIR

V. 2022 - WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OR

JOSH PHELPS — WINEMAKER

A Landform is a natural and exceptional feature of the solid surface of the Earth. In our world, Landform is a reaffirmation of our commitment to creating wines that evoke a sense of place. With an emphasis on quality and experience, this grassroots project extends the Grounded Wine Co. landscape to bring your latest terroir-driven wine, a unique Pinot Noir from Willamette Valley, Oregon.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Landform North Willamette Valley Pinot Noir was hand-crafted from a trifecta of Pinot Noir clones – 115, 777, and 828. Our three grower partners own and manage their own vineyards and are committed to a very high standard of viticultural excellence.

The 2022 Willamette Valley growing season began slowly, following a cold spring. Fortunately, summer and fall were warm and dry, allowing us to harvest optimally ripe fruit during the first week of November. The 2022 vintage is a bit reminiscent of the 2019 vintage, in that both produced fruit with excellent maturity, and classic, well-structured Pinot Noir wines.

#### TASTING NOTES

Visually, the 2022 Landform Pinot Noir is striking, with its medium garnet color and violet hue. Focused aromas of wild strawberry, red licorice, and Bing cherry are featured on the nose, while subtle flavors of violet and spice emerge on the palate. Round, silky tannins create a seamless texture that persists throughout the surprisingly long finish.

#### FERMENTATION

The clusters were sorted and destemmed gently, followed by 3 days of cold soaking. We pumped over daily as fermentation progressed, maintaining cool temperatures to capture maximum aromatic complexity. The new wine was aged in stainless steel and neutral French oak barrels, resulting in this singular expression of Pinot Noir. The 100% Pinot Noir final blend was bottled in May 2023.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME 13.4%

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