



THE HARVEST

began with a warm dry winter followed by a wet and cool late Spring. Despite rain during bloom, yields were high and the vines soaked up the nourishing moisture early in the season. June also brought a heat dome with temperatures breaking 115 degrees in the Willamette Valley. Luckily this unprecedented heat came at a time before the grapes were susceptible to damage and the growing season continued warm but without issue. A cooler August was a sigh of relief as we neared harvest. Grape ripening slowed down and the very healthy and abundant fruit began showing signs of ripeness in early September. **We began picking on September 4th** with 2 separate chardonnay vineyards and finished on September 27th with our latest and highest elevation chardonnay site – Spirit Hill. Our latest Pinot Noir site, Temperance Hill came off the vine on September 26th. Harvest was beautiful and dry with only one small rain event toward the end, ideal for a successful vintage. The fruit was pristine and yields were abundant, leading to moderate alcohol levels and bright acidity. 2021 certainly felt like a gift after the devastation of the wildfires in 2020. The wines are showing purity of fruit, beautiful texture and tension and are sure to continue to evolve for years in bottle.

THE WINE

The result of an increasingly deeper understanding of each vineyard Identification, and collection, of the best pieces of each site is the essence of this wine
 Best barrels/vineyard blocks of the vintage
 Most 'texturally' outstanding wine of each vintage
 Highest quality level cuvee from the Estate each vintage
 3rd vintage release

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

A wine with grace and tension **Wine Spectator** 94 Points
 This could be my #1 wine of 2022 **Wilfred Wong** 96 Points
 Beautifully floral, inviting **Wine Anorak** 96 Points
 Jean-Nicolas Meo has crafted a gorgeous assemblage here **Wine & Spirits** 94 Points
 Impressive persistence **Vinous** 94 Points
 A phenomenal blend **International Wine Report** 94 Points
 2019 L'Ensemble is another tour de force from Jean-Nicolas Meo **Matthew Jukes**
 Excellent structure, freshness and drive **James Suckling** 94 points
 Sensitive winemaking, elegance, lasting impression **Decanter** 95 Points
 Are we in Chambolle-Musigny or the Pacific NW? **The Buyer (UK)**

Vineyard Composition:

- Yamhill-Carlton AVA (45%)**
- 30% Bishop Creek Vineyard, 15% Terry Vineyard
- Dundee Hills AVA (25%)**
- 10% La Colina Vineyard, 10% Nysa Vineyard, 5% Knights Gambit Vineyard
- Eola-Amity AVA (15%)**
- 10% Hopewell Vineyard, 5% Temperance Hill Vineyard
- McMinnville AVA (10%)**
- 5% Momtazi Vineyard, 5% Hyland Vineyard
- Tualatin Hills AVA (5%)**
- 5% Cherry Grove Vineyard

Farming:

Organic, bio-dynamic, LIVE

Fermentation:

Spontaneous Native Yeast

Fining/filtration:

None

Cooperage:

François Frères

16 months, 35% new French

Release Timing:

Fall 2023

Production

81 barrels (2,050 cases)

Pack Size

6/750

MSRP

\$75

WL

\$150-\$165

