

Phelps Creek

V I N E Y A R D S

2021 Phelps Creek Pinot Noir, Columbia Gorge

WINEMAKER COMMENT

The perfect wine to describe our estate. Each block of Pinot Noir is harvested, fermented and barrel aged separately, and only blended at the final tasting trial. Our ancient volcanic soils usher beautiful spice, while the high elevation brings brightness to our finished product.

PHELPS CREEK VINEYARDS

The most westerly vineyard on the Oregon side of the Columbia Gorge AVA, Phelps Creek is nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Defiance at 1200 feet elevation. Established in 1990, our small boutique winery focuses on estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varietals, annually producing 5,000 cases of wine in total. Vineyard care takes center stage in our wine production, where sustainable agricultural practices combined with careful management of the fruit yields on the vines lead to the noted luxurious intensity within our bottle.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage provided a wild ride, yet ultimately resulted in intense flavors and a beautiful Fall weather harvest. The most unusual occurrence brought Oregon 110+ temperature during June, right on the cusp of flowering. Never before had we experienced such intense heat so early in the season. The vines handled the environmental furnace with aplomb and just paused in their growth. Once the weather passed, the vines exploded in growth, somewhat like those “chia pets” of late night advertisements. We actually switched up our farming and performed vine hedging prior to leaf removal just to effectively control the canopy. Harvest began about the middle of September, but the we were blessed with cool nights which slowed down ripening and preserved natural acidity. During the Summer we proudly became LIVE certified for sustainable wine-growing.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This 100% Estate grown Pinot Noir combines three different clonal selections Pommard, Dijon 115 & Dijon 777. South and east facing steep slopes allow for near perfect growing conditions for the noble Pinot Noir grape. Aged 11 months in new and neutral French Oak barrels



TASTING NOTES

Polished acidity, the result of a Winemaker's restraint in ripeness, balances a rich nose of leather and tobacco. A palette of bright red fruits with a lush texture full of earth and spice notes, reflective of our volcanic soils.

REVIEWS

91 Points - James Suckling (March 2023)

“Notes of wild strawberries, dried citrus peel, leafy herbs and dried flowers. Fleshy and firm with crunchy tannins and savory character, with cherry drops and hints of crushed stones to close. Drink now..” - J.S.

BOTTLE NOTES

Harvest Date:	October 2021
Clonal Selection: 100% Estate Pinot Noir	Pommard Dijon 777 Dijon 115
French Barrel Élevage	11 months 10% new
Alcohol per Volume:	13.8%
Bottling:	9/1/2022
Case Production:	1141