

LEMELSON

VINEYARDS

2022 THEA'S SELECTION PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA

Release Date: October 1, 2024

Bottling Date: May 28 - June 18, 2024

Production Level: 9554 cases of 12/750 mL

VINIFICATION DETAILS:

Pinot Noir Clones: Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 114, 115, 667, 777, 828

Grape Yield: 2.9 tons per acre

Alcohol: 13.5% alc./vol.

Harvest Dates: October 7th-20th, 2022

pH: 3.44

Fermentation Notes: Mostly destemmed fruit, 30+ days on skins

TA: 5.6 g/L

Yeasts: Indigenous

Elevage (aging): 20 months in 23% new French oak

Other: Unfined and unfiltered

Vineyard Source: Stermer, Meyer, Chestnut Hill, Rocky Noel, Johnson Vineyards - Lemelson Estate Vineyards certified organic by Oregon Tilth



TASTING NOTES:

The 2022 Thea's Selection is a blend of estate fruit sourced from our five organically farmed vineyards all of which are located in sub-AVA's of the Willamette Valley. It is a wonderful representation of the vintage across all of our sites in the Northern part of the valley. The nose is inviting with bright cherry and red raspberry fruit with subtle hints of lavender, anise, black tea, cinnamon and graham cracker. The rich silky tannins lead into a long robust finish that lingers on the palate with notes of black cherry and cocoa powder.

VINTAGE NOTES:

2022 will be remembered as 'the year of the frost', sub-freezing temperatures prevailed throughout the Willamette Valley at the very end of April leading to a significant die-off of many fresh young buds. Thankfully, grapevines are equipped with not one, but two backup buds! These backup buds quickly kicked into gear, getting the growing season back on track with only a slight delay. The warm summer which followed helped the vines to produce near normal amounts of fruit and ripen the clusters evenly in spite of the roller coaster vintage. The resulting wines from 2022 show textural power and aromatic intensity making this a fantastic vintage to cellar for years to come.