



# 2023

## *Spring Newsletter*



*"All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost."*

—J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*



BUD BREAK 2023



# A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

## White Wine and Community

As is traditional, this spring newsletter is about the 2022 vintage and the small sampling of wines from it that we are going to offer as futures. Likely, many of you have already signed up to attend one of the seminar-style tastings that we will be doing later this month where these wines will be featured. We are almost fully booked already for the weekend of May 20th & 21st. For those of you that cannot attend, well apologies, but there are notes on the vintage itself and the wines on offer that make up much of this newsletter.

In 2000, our first vintage, we made about 200 cases of Sauvignon Blanc, 200 cases of Chardonnay and, I cannot believe I am saying this but, 75 cases of Pinot Gris. I look back on those wines and think, “Oh dear.” But I also think about how far we have come. And by mean I sort of mean, you know, the Royal We. Oregon. Hold that thought for a second.



### NEW WHITE WINE LABELS

We just bottled a large round of white wines that includes about 800 cases of our Willamette Valley Sauvignon Blanc (coming to parts of the country far and wide), 350 cases of Durant Vineyard Chardonnay (our last vintage), 550 cases of Freedom Hill Vineyard Rosé of Tempranillo, 200 cases of Estate Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc and 300 cases of our first ever Estate Vineyard Chardonnay. As I said, we have come a long way from where we started.

As much as Pinot Noir is the clear driver of things in the Willamette Valley, we find that there is actually more community, as in “it takes a village” kind of thing, when it comes to white wines. We had the “Sauvignon Blanc Cartel” featuring us, J. Christopher and Andrew Rich as really the only three producers in the valley for nearly a decade. Paul Durant has decided to revive that spirit with an event on May 20th at Durant Vineyard featuring us and 9 (!) other Sauvignon Blanc producers. In 2020, after we were offered Tempranillo by the Dusschees at Freedom Hill Vineyard, Tim Malone (of

Tim Malone Wines) gave us more than just helpful tips on the production of rosé from full-bodied, thick-skinned and tannic red wine grapes. We stopped producing Chardonnay after the 2008 vintage, but in 2015 when we wanted to give it another go, producers like Marcus Goodfellow, Jay Somers, Kelley Fox and Ken Pahlow all shared words of advice and production techniques based upon their real-world experiences in bringing Chardonnay into a new spotlight in Oregon. Our 2021 Estate Chardonnay comes from cuttings at Brick House Vineyard that Doug Tunnel traded us for some of our knowledge on how to successfully do top grafting.

We routinely have more productive, interesting, and enlightening conversations with other winemakers about the various aspects of the white and pink wines that we make than we do about Pinot Noir. Years ago, I wrote about how much less we all see each other as all our wineries became larger, more serious and took up greater amounts of our time and lives. And

yet, perhaps even unknowingly, we are working to support each other, encourage one another, provide resources for other wineries, and truly wanting our friends and colleagues to thrive and succeed because we all know that we love white wines, that they’re finicky and tricky to make at world class levels and that we are excited for each other’s achievements.

Lots of people, hopefully, are drawn to Oregon as a wine-producing region due to this communal aspect of things and feeling like that is how wine was produced for decades, centuries even, before it became mass-marketed. We believe that the latest round of whites and the rosé that were just bottled represent our best across-the-board portfolio of wines. The 2021 Estate Chardonnay is a magnificent bottle of wine (folks who work here were literally buying it right off the bottling line). As far as connection to a bigger thing goes, we find it in this set of wines in a truly palpable way. As much as we are proud and buoyed by our Pinot Noir production, we enjoy that “all for one and one for all” spirit of community in our white wines. Summer is upon us and while these wines work 12 months a year, we hope that you delve into these bottlings and think about how they are brought about by a network of people. Maybe it will make you think about the communities and networks in which you thrive and contribute as well.

— Jim Anderson

## 2022 VINTAGE SUMMARY

Twelve months ago, at the end of April, there was not a lot of optimistic thoughts to have about what the 2022 vintage was going to look like. A valley-wide frost event had seemed to have decimated massive swaths of young shoots and that there might be 10-15% of a normal harvest overall and none in some places. In the 50+ year history of the Oregon wine industry this was as grim a time across the board as probably has ever existed. Coming on the heels of the devastating wildfires of 2020 that basically ruined any and all Pinot Noir fruit still hanging (another vintage with nothing to bottle and sell seemed to have the possibilities of actually being financially ruinous as opposed to just a massive gut-punch). There was a 2-3 week stretch over the last part of April and beginning of May where it seemed like you could feel the impending doom hanging over the valley like some sort of supernatural storm cloud.

By late May we realized that we would be receiving fruit beyond what we were expecting just a few weeks prior. Grapevines have, seemingly, a capacity to go through their life cycle even in the face of some serious adversity. Secondary buds had shown up and were turning into shoots and those shoots had flowers on them. By mid-July it was

clear that in some vineyards were going to have fruit sets higher than what we would have anticipated at any point during the year! What was once a time of feeling depressed and finding it hard to have higher spirits turned into a scramble to prepare for a harvest of a size we never would have expected at any point!

When the dust had all settled and the fruit was all in, fermented and sent to barrel it turns out we had our second largest harvest ever, surpassed only by the 2021 vintage. On top of it the quality seems to be not only better than hoped, but truly excellent. The Pinots are just starting to turn the corner from being relatively raw wines to beginning their polishing phase where they start to strut the first looks at their final selves. It is exciting to see. Loads of red fruit and velvety textures seem to rule the day in 2022. We will have our darker fruited sites and our lighter sites but, in general, the best characteristics of each wine from each vineyard are what we are experiencing as the front and center natures of the wines. So, a roller-coaster ride for sure; fast moving highs and lows with a little more excitement than we would prefer, but in the end, everything is fine and we had a great time living the experience.



MATTY TASTING WITH PAUL GREGUTT



## 2022 FUTURES OFFERINGS

**2022 Balcombe Vineyard:** No vineyard relationship that we have is longer or deeper than the one we enjoy with this great Dundee Hills site. Dating back to humble beginnings with it in 1997, we have just steadily pushed forward here; farming better and more ecologically minded all the time, knowing the rhythms of the plants and the fruit they produce and, ultimately, how to maximize what we receive in the winery each year. This vineyard now has no weaknesses. It is producing at what seems to be its apex. The wines are spectacularly good block to block and barrel to barrel. As Matty says, “Really, it’s just all Block 1B now.” Words to live by.

**2022 Chehalem Mountain Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone:** You knew we had to include one of the Wadensvil Clone bottlings in here, yes? We have really gravitated to this vineyard since stumbling across some 40-year-old vine stuff from here in 2019. The 2021 bottling of this was a stunningly intense wine and ran counter to the red-fruited clone sneaking into the darker fruited marine sedimentary soil wine thing that we have going on with our other three Wadensvil-specific Pinot Noirs. This is a little more of the red and black fruit convergence sort of thing, but it is still a very intense and structured wine with a ton of promise to it. This is Dick Erath’s original vineyard that

he planted way back in 1968. While these vines are closer to 20 years in vine age they still show that a very wise and forward-thinking man once decided that this was the place he wanted to plant his vineyard and his legacy at. Special wine from a special place. Sort of what we do.

**2022 Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block:** For years this wine was sort of the “fun block” in the cellar. Big fruit, ripe, plush, crowd-pleasing sensibilities but with a ceiling to it that wasn’t exactly the Sistine Chapel. That has REALLY changed over the last two vintages (2021 and 2022). With these vines pushing past 20 years of vine-age and the quality of the farming really sharpening over the past 5-6 years we have seen a distinct shift in the nature of the fruit we receive and the wine we are now capable of producing. The fruit still shines with intensity, but it has an edge to it and a much deeper sense of structure both in terms of acid and tannins. This is still an eminently drinkable and delicious Dundee Hills Pinot Noir, but this has moved up the charts of our long list of wines. This is a knock out bottling.

**2022 La Belle Promenade Vineyard:** The next time you are somewhere deciding, and a Peregrine Falcon swoops over where you are, snatches a large snake off the ground and then proceeds to get into a mid-air battle with another Peregrine Falcon over whose snake it is, we suggest that you act in the affirmative. That was our introduction to La Belle Promenade in the spring of 2019. It seemed like an auspicious omen, and it turns out, we were correct. Just three vintages in and we are really doubling down (literally, as you will see so stay tuned) on our commitment to this site. This is a unique, high-elevation site that creates a wine unlike any other we make. A darker-fruited yet high-toned wine with exquisitely fine tannins is a rare bird in Oregon. As good as the '19 and '21 is, the '22 has an additional block of Wadensvil that the other two did not and it serves this wine exceptionally well. This is something to put on your radar if you have not already. We like unique and this wine fits that bill.

**2022 Lillie’s Vineyard (New Wine):** Fruit from vines planted in the '90s on Worden Hill Rd. in the Dundee Hills farmed by a maestro of the craft? Yes, please. We certainly don’t mind being the winery that people call when they have, you know, stuff. Lillie’s is located just north of Weber Vineyard and just east of Arcus Vineyard. Hello pedigree. While we got just 2.5 acres from a single section of the vineyard, we broke it up into two picking dates and did the first pick with 60% whole clusters and the second completely destemmed. We will combine the two and have a wine of incredible aromatic intensity, awash with both red and black fruits and having both a rich mouthfeel and a deep tannic structure. Yes, yes, it is our first go round with this wine, but it is not as if we haven’t received lots of



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## 2022 Futures Offerings, *Continued*

fruit from this part of the hill over the years. This isn't some young-vine, Johnny Come Lately either. This is some stuff with some bones to it. If the Weber and Mysterious have been in your wheelhouse over the years this wine will assuredly strike a chord.

**2022 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coury Clone:** It's hard to know what to say about this wine at this point. This is the 10th vintage we have bottled, having started in 2012 (we skipped 2020), and I am still doggedly waiting for 2012 to budge from the way it tasted the day we bottled it. This wine is a persistent beast. Insanely delicious, nuanced, and complex but I am really itching to see one really start to evolve the way I am certain they will. Since I am a little stuck for words on this wine, I will let long time NW wine reviewer Paul Gregutt chime in on the 2021 version of this wine. "This stunning effort is loaded with black fruits and tannins that taste like tea leaves. It carries itself with a delicate lightness, seemingly both elegant and powerful. The long, lingering flavors mix berries, dried leaves, hints of citrus and tannins that build gracefully into a cascading finish. 13.5%; \$75 (Willamette Valley) 97/100"

Seems like a very strong recommendation. 2022 is right there and perhaps a tick up as Freedom Hill Vineyard flat out killed in 2022.

**2022 Wind Ridge Vineyard:** For the Ribbon Ridge fans. Our Estate Vineyard never really recovered from the frost event in '22 and therefore there will only be a single Estate Vineyard bottling from us this vintage. So, you will have to make do with the Wind Ridge and Ridgecrest Vineyard bottlings to scratch that itch. The good thing is that both the bottlings are wonderful and the Wind Ridge really dives into the deep pool of swirling darker fruits, minerality, tannins and even that little tarry note that Ribbon Ridge can tuck into a corner of the fruit. This is a fairly red-fruit centric vintage and while this doesn't completely run away from that style there is a lot blacker fruit and stormy skies in this wine than pretty much any other wine in the cellar. This is just our second bottling from this site but it has carved out a unique spot in the cellar with its deeper view of what Ribbon Ridge can offer up. For folks coming to the barrel tasting seminars, this wine is undoubtedly going to stand out.

## VISIT THE WINERY

All tastings are private and by appointment, available daily between 10a.m. and 3:00p.m. We have available seating outside on the covered deck overlooking the vineyard with heaters and fire tables or indoors. Tasting at the winery allows you to taste 5-7 of those special small bottlings that are not in distribution and cannot be found in your local market. Our seated tasting experience is accompanied by a small cheese pairing and a plethora of knowledge with of course a little bit of our PGC wit.



## AT THE WINERY

**Pre-Memorial Day Weekend:** We are open by appointment for tastings. Club members have the option for a sit-down barrel tasting with the winemakers. This is by reservation only. If you haven't made a reservation yet please contact the winery at [tasting@patriciagreencellars.com](mailto:tasting@patriciagreencellars.com).

**Memorial Day Weekend:** We will have an open house from 10a.m. - 2p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Tastings are complimentary for club members and their guests and there is a \$25 tasting fee for non-members. No reservation is needed for this weekend. We will be closed, Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.





# Order Form 2022 Pinot Noir Futures

**Futures Pricing Available through June 15th 2023**

## Dundee Hills AVA

	Retail	Futures	Amount	Total
2022 Pinot Noir Lillie's Vineyard	\$75	\$60	x _____ =	_____
2022 Pinot Noir Balcombe Vineyard	\$60	\$48	x _____ =	_____
2022 Pinot Noir Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block	\$45	\$36	x _____ =	_____

## Chehalem Mountains AVA

2022 Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountain Vineyard, Wadensvil Clone	\$48	\$38	x _____ =	_____
2022 Pinot Noir La Belle Promenade Vineyard	\$48	\$38	x _____ =	_____

## Ribbon Ridge AVA

2022 Pinot Noir Wind Ridge Vineyard	\$60	\$48	x _____ =	_____
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## Almost in the Eola-Amity AVA (but not quite)

2022 Pinot Noir Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coury Clone	\$75	\$60	x _____ =	_____
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## Club Members receive an 10% additional Discount

**on 12 or more bottles of Pinot Noir ordered by June 15th, 2023**

**Total of all Pinot Noir Futures** = \_\_\_\_\_

## White Wines Available Now

2021 Chardonnay, Durant Vineyard	\$42	x _____ =	_____
2021 Chardonnay, Estate Vineyard	\$75	x _____ =	_____
2021 Chardonnay, Estate Vineyard Magnum	\$175	x _____ =	_____
2022 Sauvignon Blanc, Estate Vineyard	\$32	x _____ =	_____
2022 Sauvignon Blanc, Estate Vineyard Magnum	\$80	x _____ =	_____
2022 Sauvignon Blanc, Willamette Valley	\$25	x _____ =	_____
2022 Helen Dusschee Tempranillo Rose, Freedom Hill Vineyard	\$29	x _____ =	_____
2022 Helen Dusschee Tempranillo Rose, Freedom Hill Vineyard Magnum	\$75	x _____ =	_____
2022 Helen Dusschee Tempranillo Rose, Freedom Hill Vineyard 3 Litre	\$150	x _____ =	_____

**Total of All Wines** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Bill to/Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Type: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMEX

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### FUTURES PRICING ON LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES

We are happy to be able to offer many of our wines in larger format bottles.

Large format bottles are great for cellaring, super for parties and can improve the ageability of a wine dramatically. After June 15<sup>th</sup>, all remaining large format bottles will be available at retail price.

1.5 litre = 2 bottles; 3 litre = 4 bottles; 5 litre = 6.67 bottles

	1.5 litre	3.0 litre	5.0 litre	
	Price/Amount	Price/Amount	Price /Amount	Total
2022 Lillie's Vineyard	\$140 x _____	\$260 x _____	\$400 x _____	= _____
2022 Balcombe Vineyard	\$115 x _____	\$220 x _____	\$360 x _____	= _____
2022 Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block	\$85 x _____	\$175 x _____	\$275 x _____	= _____
2022 Chehalem Mountain Vineyard Wadensvil, Clone	\$96 x _____	\$200 x _____	\$300 x _____	= _____
2022 La Belle Promenade Vineyard	\$96 x _____	\$200 x _____	\$300 x _____	= _____
2022 Wind Ridge Vineyard	\$115 x _____	\$220 x _____	\$360 x _____	= _____
2022 Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coury Clone	\$140 x _____	\$260 x _____	\$400 x _____	= _____
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$140 x _____</b>	<b>\$260 x _____</b>	<b>\$400 x _____</b>	<b>= _____</b>
<b>Total Large Format Pinot Noir Futures</b>				<b>_____</b>

*All future pricing is valid through June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023*