

LA CREMA®



WILLAMETTE VALLEY 2021 PINOT NOIR

Sincere. Delicate. Nuanced.

“Savory notes of violets are complemented by initial notes of RASPBERRY, cranberry, and ORANGE ZEST, which give way to SUPPLE tannins that provide the wine with a touch of cedar, adding complexity and length.”

CRAIG McALLISTER, WINEMAKER

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THE STATS:

Appellation: Willamette Valley
Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Type of Oak: 100% French; 20% new
Time in Barrel: 6 months
Alcohol: 13.6%
T.A.: 5.4 g/L
pH: 3.64

Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means “best of the vine,” setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations, passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines. Oregon’s Willamette Valley is no exception. We thoroughly appreciate, and are fully committed to, all that makes this region so revered — its beauty, its passion, its wine.

A REMARKABLE PLACE

Running 120 miles North to South from Portland to Eugene, Oregon’s Willamette Valley AVA is in the Northwest corner of the state. The region is known for producing unique wines that are able to find a balance between New World and Old World expression. Boasting a Mediterranean climate with maritime influence and diverse soil types, it is no surprise that the Willamette Valley is now recognized as one of the premier Pinot Noir growing regions in the world. The fruit is sourced from nine vineyards and six sub-appellations of the Willamette valley. Estate vineyards to feature in the blend are Jory Hills Vineyard nestled in the Dundee Hills AVA, Gran Moraine Vineyard, Gran Moraine Winery Estate, and WillaKenzie Estate all in the Yamhill Carlton AVA- sprawling vineyards planted on marine sedimentary (Willakenzie) soils. Also featured, Zena Crown- further south in Eola Amity AVA and Maple Grove — further south still both are planted on well drained volcanic soils (Jory and Nekia). Clones included in the blend are 114, 115, 667, 777, 828 and Pommard.

***It’s one of the world’s best cool-climate appellations.
It’s a place for La Crema.***

EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

2021 in the Willamette Valley is considered by many an outstanding year, growers and winemakers alike were thrilled with crop yields and quality. Winter was relatively dry with average temperatures that exceeded the norm. What followed was an erratic weather pattern of ice storms, rain during bloom and then record breaking heat in June. Early September rains gave the vines much needed water and extended hang time thus building concentrated flavors and retaining juicy acidity.

ARTISAN WINEMAKING

Our small-batch, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.

The fruit was hand-picked and hand-sorted. Utilizing both gentle de-stemming and a portion of whole cluster fermentation. Cold soaked at 48°F for 2-4 days. Fermented in open top tanks — cap is manipulated up to 2 times daily either via punchdown, pumpover, or pulsed air depending on what the fruit warrants. Post-fermentation, free run settled for a minimum of two days prior to cleanly racking to new and used French oak barrels. No racking out of barrels until blending prior to bottling.

BEST OF THE VINE