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2021 DURANT PINOT NOIR

AVA: DUNDEE HILLS

PRODUCTION: 95 CASES

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

ELEVAGE: 19 MONTHS FRENCH OAK
PUNCHEON

VINEYARD: DURANT

DRY FARMED

SOILS: VOLCANIC



Durant Vineyard is farmed by Paul Durant, the second generation in his family to care for these vines. The vineyard spans from 250-700 feet of gentle, east facing slope in the Dundee Hills AVA. The deep volcanic Jory soils provide moisture for non-irrigated vines late into the growing season, the Pinot Noir is mid-way up the slope, and the hillside behind the vineyard shelters the vines from the harshness of late afternoon sun. The wines are elegant and prettily red fruited, with softer tannins, and a warm lushness on the palate.

The growing season for Oregon in 2021 was fairly unique: the “heat dome” in June that impacted much of the northwest came just after fruitset, and the grape vines responded to the intense heat and sunlight with increased phenolic development and thickened skins, giving us plenty of structure for aging and savory development, and certainly making the most tannicly structured wines from Durant that we have seen. Despite the early heat, the late summer and early fall was quite cool, keeping acids bright and alcohols low, and resulting in a juiciness to the wines to pair with their savory structure.

The 2021 Durant is densely fruited, with boysenberry and purple flowers, gravelly, intense, and a shade darker than usual. There is a wonderful sense of intrigue, it has the aromatics of whole cluster Dundee hills wines, but in a stonier, sinewy way. Violet in tone, luxurious texture, energy, a mineral crunchiness that provides a framework for the mid-weight fruit, and fine finishing tannins.

Goodfellow Family Cellars is a winemaker owned and operated winery in Oregon's beautiful Willamette Valley. Founded in 2002, and producing approximately 4000 cases annually, we focus on old vines planted in unique and beautiful sites, conscientious farming, and techniques of tradition in the cellar. We are members of the Deep Roots Coalition, a group of craft oriented wineries committed to sustainable farming and sourcing grapes solely from non-irrigated vines. We do this because it is the responsible choice, and because it produces the highest quality wine with the truest expression of place.