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WILLAMETTE VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

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Alcohol: 13.5% pH: 3.35

THESIS: A disambiguated, intentionally nonvintage, summer red

THE CLIFF NOTES: The color is radiant rose red, with a nose that presents as blue: blue fruit, blue candy, blueberry cheesecake. Taste, and like a kid in summer, your mouth is crammed with huckleberries, gooseberries, marionberries. Fresh on acid, plus immersive in its sheer volume, it wants you to play and gives no quarter.

THE STORY: This wine's not really about terroir or age-ability. It plays as a summer, chill-able red. It blurs the line of color and fruit with the acidity and structure of a white. It is a direct response to adversity from the possibility of wildfire smoke locking into grape skins in 2020. Our job was, nonetheless, winemaking. So, we decided, dreamt it into existence, acted, and made it taste great.

FERMENTATION: It's clean 100% native yeast fermented Pinot noir from three vintages. 2020 required quick juicing of the grapes to get rid of any smoke-affected skins. That clear Pinot juice was cool fermented to dryness with the intent to produce massive fruit esters. To this we added back 2019 Pinot to provide red fruits and élan, plus 2018 Pinot to provide deep color and structure.

ELEVAGE: 100% barrel aged in older French oak barrels. Aged using lees addition to bolster color and broaden an earthy mid-palate. Racked once and filtered prior to bottling February 2021.

VINEYARDS: These grapes are from our three best vineyards, our own **St. Dolores Estate** (11 years), **Gemini Vineyard** (29 years), and **Temperance Hill Vineyard** (40 years).

—*Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker*