



ESTATE PINOT NOIR

Our Philosophy

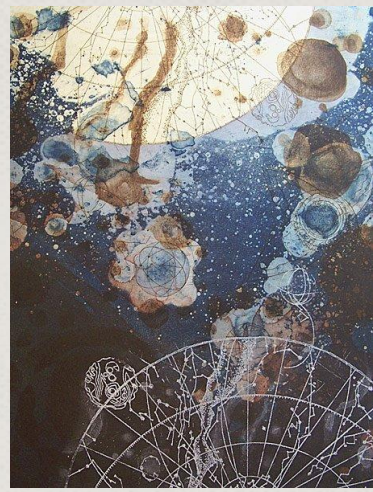
Lingua Franca is the exploration of Oregon with an open mind, focused on picking fruit optimally for freshness, tension and complexity—based on the varying conditions of the season and the terroir of individual vineyard blocks which are farmed by organic and regenerative farming principals. The land, the way it's farmed and the quality of the light on east-facing slopes in the Willamette Valley are what shape the wines.

Our Team

Lingua Franca was co-founded by Larry Stone and Dominique Lafon in 2015, inspired by the exceptional vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills that Larry bought in 2012 and planted in 2013. Thomas Savre, who worked at some of the top domaines in Burgundy, is responsible for overseeing the winemaking and farming. He is a master at capturing the character of each vineyard site with every vintage.

Vintage Notes:

The growing season in 2023 started off with a pattern that had prevailed for the previous two years with a cold wet spring, though never with any frost. The cool spring weather led into a beautifully warm second week of May with temperatures in the mid 80s that promoted shoot growth to set up for a good flowering in June. Though we had the occasional hot day we didn't experience the extreme heat spikes we'd seen in previous summers. Picking began in the beginning of September in ideal conditions. These promise to be among our most successful wines ever.



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2023 Pinot Noir | Estate
Eola-Amity Hills
Dates Picked: 9/14-9/23
Alcohol: 14%

Estate Pinot Noir 2023

Estate PN 2023 has a very lifted aromatic nose with roses, spices of clove and cinnamon, black cardamom, and crushed rock. On the palate is fresh pomegranate, raspberry, and undertones of black cherry with tea notes and a savory herbal element. It is very fresh and well defined with many layers that unfold slowly on the palate, finishing with flavors of red currant and vanilla. The wine gains richness as it evolves in the glass but never loses its energy and excitement.

Vineyard Sources

Estate Pinot 2023 has a mixture of 10 vineyard blocks contributing from 5-14% each. This is by far the most diverse edition of Estate Pinot Noir. It may become the most representative of our complete terroir flavor profile, which will make it interesting to observe as it matures.

Vinification

The fruit was sorted in the vineyard, hand-picked, then wild-yeast fermented in medium sized concrete and stainless-steel tanks. This 2023 Estate has less than 2% whole cluster, the least of any vintage. Punch downs are done by traditional pigeage. After fermentation, it is aged in a combination of 24% new and 76% old French oak barriques for 12 months and six in tank.