



ELK COVE

VINEYARDS

2021 Pinot Noir Rosé

Vintage 2021 was an outstanding year at Elk Cove. Cool weather during bloom and moderate temperatures during most of the growing season brought forth an ample harvest of intensely concentrated fruit.

The timing of weather events was key to our success in 2021. Rainfall during bloom raised expectations for a small, high-quality crop. Then a once-in-a-millennium heat dome event brought worrying temperatures to the Pacific Northwest. This was thankfully during the most resilient stage of the growing season and our old vines survived without sign of serious stress or sunburn. Growth resumed normally once temperatures cooled with average heat from July through September bringing even ripening to the plentiful small, loose clusters. Our vines made it through the rain and the heat in fine condition with lots of variable sized berries, known as hens and chicks.

Harvest 2021 was not only of high quality but also surprisingly bountiful. Low levels of dehydration combined with the numerous small clusters and several acres of young vines coming into maturity meant a record tonnage for Elk Cove. For red Pinot Noirs, expect intense color and flavors bursting out of the glass, while white wines and rosés are fruit-forward with great acidity and balance.

VINEYARD: The fruit for this all Pinot Noir Rosé is hand-harvested from our estate vineyard sites in the Willamette Valley. For the Rosé, we choose both young and old vines from higher elevation vineyards on their own rootstock. These give us full aromatic and flavor development as well as great freshness of fruit within a framework of lower alcohol.

WINEMAKING: Pinot Noir fruit for our Rosé is hand-harvested and gently whole bunch pressed with limited skin crushing, which makes virtually a “white Pinot Noir.” The wine is fermented cool in stainless steel tanks. Then carefully selected lots of fermented red Pinot Noir juice is blended back for color and texture. Our Pinot Noir Rosé is finished completely dry.

TASTING NOTES: Pale pink in color with peach and strawberry cream on the nose, this wine opens with juicy watermelon, garden strawberry and unripe mango leading into a lime peel grip on the finish.

VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY:

Vine Age: 7-47 years

Harvest Sugars: 23 brix

Vatting: Free-run juice is cold fermented in stainless steel tanks. Select Pinot Noir juice added for texture & color.

pH: 3.15

TA: 5.8

Alc: 13 %

Bottled: Feb 2022

Cases Produced: TBD



Pinot Noir grapes at Elk Cove