

## 2022 100 Years a Lady, Pinot Meunier Van Duzer Corridor, Willamette Valley AVA

Our 2022 100 Years a Lady honors my late Grandmother. I love using Pinot Meunier to honor my Grandma Catherine, there's a rustic earthiness to the pretty fruit that reminds me of her; a stalwart and steadfast woman whose grit and moxie kept her optimistic and positive through a lifetime of challenges. Her family were immigrant sharecroppers in North Dakota who moved to the Willamette Valley during the height of the Great Depression. They came here to find work and got by picking fruit (strawberries and tree fruits), and my Grandma kept her hands in the dirt the rest of her life. She went into labor with my Dad while picking strawberries, owned and operated a fruit stand which served her small, rural Washington State community, and planted a giant, family-feeding garden each year of her life. This wine shows red fruit of Hood strawberries, sappy bright red cherries, sweet marjoram, juicy plum and forest floor. The finish lingers with a hint of sweetness and firm grippy tannins. This is a tightly textural vintage, balanced by pretty fruit and fresh acidity.

### Technical Information

**Grape Varietals:** 100% Pinot Meunier

**Vineyards:** Belle Promenade, Abbey Road Farm, Left Coast

**Final pH:** 3.6

**Final TA:** 6.7 g/L

**Alc. By Vol.:** 12.6%

**Winemaking:** Grapes were sorted and mostly destemmed, with just about 10% left whole cluster, into 1.5 ton fermentation vessels. Native fermentation kicked off after 2 days and caps were managed by pigeage and punch downs. Fermentation took 23 days, afterwards juice was moved to neutral French oak and one new French oak barrel, for a total of about 12% new wood. Wine went through full spontaneous malo, and was sulfured afterwards (44 ppm total SO<sub>2</sub>, 21 ppm free SO<sub>2</sub>). No other additions/subtractions were made. 10 month elevage, then racked to stainless and bottled.

