

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL

NORTHWEST WINEMAKERS

2022 CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES

Strawberry, Rhubarb, Fennel Seed

VINEYARD SOURCES

36% Willamette Valley, 33% Umpqua Valley, 14% Illinois Valley, 11% Rogue Valley, 4% Columbia Valley OR, 2% Walla Walla Valley OR

CELLAR TREATMENT 15% New French Oak

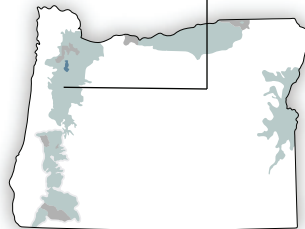
ALCOHOL CONTENT 12% by Volume

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry

BOTTLE SIZE 750mL

PH 3.63

TA 7.6 g/L



“This wine was created to be fresh, approachable, and ready for any occasion anywhere.

—Eric Harms

Co-Founder

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What makes the Pacific Northwest so unique? The fact that dense forests, winding waterways, and snow-packed peaks are all in our backyard? Or is it that no matter how far you go and how many sights you see, there's always more to explore? Each wine is crafted with this reverence of place—but our goal is to never stop exploring new regions and new wines.

The 2022 growing season in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA of Washington began with a particularly cold and wet winter that charged the soil with ample water, followed by a cool and wet spring all the way to a bloom that put the vines two to three weeks behind average. Above-average heat in July and August provided some catch-up in growing degree days, but with higher-than-average yields and the delayed start to the season, there was concern about getting fruit ripe before wet and winter came. But Mother Nature delivered, and stunning weather through

September and October allowed the season to finish strong with most fruit harvested later than usual at low alcohols with beautiful natural acidity and exceptional flavor development.

Vineyards of the Rogue and Umpqua Valleys, stretches of the Columbia and Walla Walla Valleys, and our home in the Willamette Valley, make wine a true representation of Oregon. The fruit from these regions bring their own character and influence to build depth and complexity in this wine. The warm, dry, and mild summer that followed a cool and wet spring mirrored the season in Washington and allowed the grapes to hang on the vine late into fall, resulting in ideal ripeness of the 2022 vintage. This wine is a classic Oregon pinot noir, with fantastic balance between vibrant bright red fruit, hints of herbs and spices, gorgeous natural acidity to give the finish great length and focus, and a judicious brushstroke of French oak.

