# DECANTER & COUPE IMPORTS, LLC

## Bethel Heights

2022 | Pinot Noir 'Casteel'



It was love at first sight when Terry Casteel and Marilyn Webb, and Ted Casteel and Pat Dudley, first saw the abandoned Bethel Heights Walnut Grove, with its gentle south-facing slopes, its pure spring water running

through a shady ravine, its rich diversity of wildlife. Established in 1977, Bethel Heights is one of Oregon's oldest established wineries. Their estate-owned vineyards contain volcanic and marine soils and sit upwards of 620 feet above sea level. Hand-harvesting and organic farming have been the practices at this estate for almost 40 years.

### **Region & Classification**

|country| United States
|state| Oregon
|ava| Willamette Valley
|sub-ava| Eola-Amity Hills
|vineyard| Bethel Heights, Lewman
|vineyard blocks| 114, West 777, West 115
|Block 3, 115, Pommard

#### **Terroir & Cultivation**

|soil | Nekia volcanic

|exposure| south

|**elevation**| 460-620 ft.

| **farming practices**| certified Organic, LIVE certified, Salmon Safe certified

|harvesting| hand-harvested and sorted, October 13th-18th

|age of vines| 26-30 years

|vineyard size| 15 acres



#### **Wine Data**

|variety| Pinot Noir 100% |clones| Pommard, 777, 115, 114 |alcohol| 13.5% |acidity| 5.7 g/L |residual sugar| < 0.5 g/L

## Vinification & Aging

|maceration| hand-sorted and destemmed, cold soaked for four days in 3, 4, and 5 ton stainless steel tanks and 1.5 ton macrobin fermenters—gentle punch downs twice a day

|fermentation| Lalvin RC212 inoculated fermentation takes place gradually over 35-40 days with light aeration until dryness—full malolactic fermentation

|aging| aged in 35% new French oak barrels, the remaining in second and third pass oak for 11 months, undisturbed—bottled unfined

|production| 11,448 750ml, 1,200 350ml

