DECANTER & COUPE IMPORTS, LLC

Bethel Heights

2022 | Pinot Noir "Estate"



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| Justice, Bethel Heights, Lewman

Terroir & Cultivation

|soil| Nekia volcanic, marine sediment

|exposure| south

|**elevation**| 400-620 ft.

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

|harvesting| hand-harvested and sorted, October 8th-2oth

|age of vines| 15+ years

|vineyard size| 70 acres



Wine Data

|variety| Pinot Noir 100% |clones| Pommard, 114, 115, 667, 777 |alcohol| 13.3% |acidity| 5.6 g/L |residual sugar| <0.5 g/L

Vinification & Aging

|maceration| destemmed and placed into 3, 4, and 5 ton stainless tanks, as well as 1.5 ton macrobin fermenters for a four day cold-soak and twice daily punch downs; this facilitates breaking of the grape skins

|fermentation| inoculation with Lalvin RC212, fermentation reaches a peak temperature of 88 degrees and is aerated once a day, pressed at dryness—full malolactic fermentation

|aging| racked into French oak barrels, 30% new, the remaining second and third pass oak and aged 11 months on the lees

|**production**| 54,600 750ml, 6,600 375ml



