



2022 The Eyrie Vineyards PINOT BLANC ESTATE



THE VITICULTURE

Viticulture at all of the estate vineyards is certified organic. In addition, we practice regenerative no-till farming, with strict attention paid not just to the vines but to the healthy networks of soil organisms that support them. Not only does this approach avoid the need for artificial irrigation, it also nourishes the vines without the need for additional fertilizer, and captures atmospheric carbon.

THE VINIFICATION

When Alsatian clones of Pinot blanc became available in Oregon, a small test plot was planted in Eyrie's Sisters Vineyard. The block was doubled in the late 1990s. The crop is picked by hand, destemmed, pressed, and run to small stainless steel tanks to ferment and age. We take a slow approach; our Pinot blanc ages 3-4 times longer than most commercial versions before bottling. This delicious dry rendition lightly carries the texture of extended lees contact while remaining crisp, fruity, and complex on the palate—it pairs well with oysters and raw foods.

THE VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage reminded us our vines retain an endless capacity to inspire awe and wonder. A series of warm days in March and early April inspired an unusually early budbreak, just in time for a late frost which killed many of the young buds. Our May estimates forecasted a 70% loss of crop. However, well-timed summer rains, perfect flowering conditions, and the vines' own resilience combined to bring our yields back from the brink. Yields were small, but not disastrously so. A dry summer and moderate temperatures in the fall gave us the opportunity to pick the first beautiful grapes of the season on October 7th. We completed the harvest on October 21st. The first autumn rains arrived the next day. The season had us in suspense, but we were rewarded with stunning fruit in 2022.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation:	Dundee Hills
Vineyard Estate:	Sisters
Vineyard Certification:	Organic
Fermentation & Aging:	Steel tank, full native malo, 11 months sur lies
Production in Cases:	301
Bottling Date:	August 2023
Alcohol % by Volume	12.99



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

