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## LANGE ESTATE WINERY

### *2022 Three Hills Cuvée Pinot Noir*

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**THE SERIES** The pinot noir fruit for our Three Hills Cuvée series emanates from our best, most established vineyards, including Lange Estate Vineyard (in the Dundee Hills), Freedom Hill Vineyard, and Yamhill Vineyards. Hence the “Three Hills Cuvée” moniker. Over the years we’ve added a few other stellar vineyard sites to the blend as well. We expect these wines to be comparable to the best examples of their type from anywhere in the world. As winemakers we marvel at the complex synergy that comes from blending wine from Willamette Valley’s marquee vineyards.

**THE VINTAGE** “Winter precipitation was above the 1991-2021 average by about 10%. April came on with great promise, then, the middle of the month turned cold, leading up to an unprecedented freeze that impacted some primary buds.

Our spring and early summer continued to be quite cool (at around 2.2° below average) with rain events persisting into early June. As we moved into summer, the season came on strong, hot and dry, with temperatures running almost 6° above normal from August through October. This was the point at which our abundant winter rains came into play, allowing the canopy to stay green well into the fall. Warm, dry conditions in October gave us the latitude to ripen all the fruit that had gotten off to a late start. Our last pick on October 21st ended just before the autumn rains commenced. The yields across all vineyards, which were projected to be 30% of normal, ended up in the normal range. Early indications point to lovely, classic white wines with ripe fruit character and well-defined acid backbones, while our pinot noirs show high-toned aromatics and rich, concentrated flavors.” — Executive Winemaker, Don Lange

<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% pinot noir
<b>CLONES</b>	a blend of traditional and Dijon clones
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Willamette Valley
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13.5%
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	450 cases
<b>FERMENTATION &amp; AGING</b>	new and neutral French oak barrels
<b>RETAIL</b>	\$55

<b>AROMAS</b>	blackberry, rose and red florals dark cherry, forest earth
<b>FLAVORS</b>	pomegranate, bing cherry, raspberry, and baking spices
<b>BODY</b>	blue and black fruit with plum and spice and spark of acidity
<b>FINISH</b>	flinty minerality and a lengthy finish
<b>ACCOLADES</b>	2022 - 94 Points - Decanter 92 Points - James Suckling 92 Points - Owen Bargreen 2021 - 94 Points - International Wine Report 93 Points - James Suckling 92 Points - Wine Spectator