

EOLA-AMITY HILLS OREGON

AUBAINE

2021 ANAHATA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

THE STORY

Aubaine is a high end boutique project of single vineyard and estate only Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Our founder Andy Lytle has teamed up with esteemed wine-maker Isabelle Meunier to make the best possible expression of the Eola-Amity Hills. Aubaine is the French term for Windfall which is one of the estate vineyards that will be used in future vintages. The green wave on the label represents the Eola-Amity Hills, and the blue wave represents the winds of the VanDuzer Corridor. Our release is the 2021 vintage from the Anahata vineyard. Pronounced Ô-Bane.

VINTAGE

The wine growing season of 2021 is considered an outstanding vintage, both in terms of balanced yields and quality of fruit. Spring started a bit earlier than average; Bloom occurred the very first week of June, under amazing weather thanks to a small heat wave. The season progressed with an unusual heat dome at the end of June, which thankfully did not affect the vineyards at that stage. The second half of the season was warmer than average with dry conditions until a couple of welcomed isolated rain events that slowed ripening some and helped build complex flavors. We picked from September 14th to 22nd in beautiful weather conditions where we harvested exceptional grapes that created beautifully balanced flavors and silky textures in the wines.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful ruby red in color with a youthful purplish edge, the first nose opens with classic aromas of mixed berries, slight brambly character reminiscent of a fresh mixed berry cobbler: blueberries, black cherries compete together with hints of nutmeg, rose petals and lavender notes, and fresh earthy notes. Smooth and refined on the palate with a nice velvety texture, beautifully sustained as the mixed berries core remains throughout, those silky tannins travel nicely through mid-palate and tightens through the finish where the mixed berries and stony mineral notes remain. This wine feels complete and wonderful, yet already showing that it will continue to evolve with grace. We love the classic Eola-Amity Hills Pinot Noir characteristics of this wine all around: an iron fist in a velvet glove.



2021 WINEMAKING FACTS

Vineyard Areas: Blk 3 – Pommard, Blk 1 & blk 8 – 667 and Blk 2 - 777

Picking date: September 17th and 22nd , 2021

Harvest Data: 22.6 brix, pH 3.35, TA 5.9 g/l

Cold Soaked: 6 days

Fermentation: Spontaneous native fermentation, gentle punch downs and pump overs twice per day

Pressed on October 2nd, October 4th and October 6th

Barreled on October 12th, October 15th and October 20thd with 30% new French Oak

Malolactic fermentation: Indigenous and 100% complete by February 2nd, 2022

Bottling date: February 8th, 2023

Cases produced: 670 cases

Aging Potential: Well over 10 years