

# KATE ARNOLD

OREGON PINOT NOIR 2021



**AVA**  
Oregon

**VARIETAL CONTENT**  
100% Pinot Noir

**OAK REGIMEN**  
100% neutral French oak barrels

**CASES PRODUCED**  
5,992

**ABV**  
13.9%

**pH**  
3.7

**TA**  
5.0 g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR**  
Fermented dry

**FOOD PAIRING**  
Lamb chops and a beet salad  
with goat cheese

## TASTE PROFILE

**COLOR** / Cherry candy  
**AROMAS** / Cranberry, red plum, cocoa powder, black tea, dried mushrooms, forest floor, anise  
**FLAVORS** / Pomegranate, cinnamon, fig, sweet tobacco, thyme  
**STRUCTURE** / Acidity throughout, subtle tannins on the finish

## VINEYARD SOURCES

### *Melrose Vineyards (Umpqua Valley) - 50%*

Melrose Vineyard sprawls across 150 acres in the picturesque Umpqua Valley. The dedication to maintaining the integrity of the plants beautifully showcases the distinct characteristics of the Melrose Vineyards terroir.

### *Foris - Rogue Valley - 50%*

Foris Vineyards, situated just 7 miles from the Oregon border, proudly holds the distinction of being the southernmost vineyard in the Pacific Northwest.

## 2021 VINTAGE REPORT

The timing of the summer heatwave could not have been more fortunate. Despite historically high temperatures, the berries remained firm and were not in a vulnerable stage, resulting in minimal sunburn issues. Additionally, the ground maintained a decent level of moisture, preventing any drought stress on the vines. Had the heat arrived later, it could have brought disaster.

We observed visible signs of wildfire smoke in southern Oregon as early as July, unlike the previous year, when smoke wreaked havoc in the vineyards. However, this time the smoke remained at atmospheric levels and did not cause any destruction to the vineyards.

This year's crop exhibits the widest range, in a positive sense, of sugar to acid ratio compared to many of the vintages. The fermenters produced the most vibrant fruit aromatics, which likely contributed to the low pH levels. This also contributes to the intense coloration in the wine, rendering them remarkably opaque.