

SOTER VINEYARDS | 2023

TARREN PINOT NOIR



THE VINEYARD

Named for the Welsh word meaning “rocky knoll”, Tarren Vineyard is a 30-acre estate acquired in 2018 and planted primarily to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Resting between 500-700 feet with south-facing slopes, stony volcanic soils, and steady coastal winds, it is a site of rare beauty and ideal conditions. Surrounded by some of the valley’s most renowned neighbors, Tarren is already yielding wines of striking energy, structure, and longevity. The first appearance of this vineyard was in 2018 as part of our Estates Pinot Noir, marking what promises to be an enduring legacy in the Eola-Amity Hills.

THE SEASON

A wet winter and spring delayed bud break until late April, aligning with some of the region’s historically cool and damp vintages. However, May ushered in warm, sun-filled days with barely a cloud in sight. Bloom arrived in mid-June, with only trace amounts of rain, slightly reducing yields in some areas. Ripening progressed steadily, though veraison—the critical shift from energy growth to fruit maturation—took longer than anticipated. A warm, early harvest followed, bringing in fruit of exceptional quality under bright autumn skies, with spirits in the cellar soaring just as high.

THE WINE

Our inaugural bottling from the Eola–Amity Hills estate is a striking introduction to the character of this place. The wine is tightly wound around a bright core of acidity, fruit, and firm yet polished tannin—elements that signal real longevity in the cellar. On the palate, it feels sappy and mouth coating, leaving a lasting impression that belies its youth. Red raspberry and wild blueberry take the lead, lifted by intriguing accents of ginger root and sassafras. A delicate floral thread of violets adds nuance, while woody tannins gently frame the core of fruit. This is a remarkable first expression from our estate, offering both immediate charm and the promise of graceful evolution.

VARIETY	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	100% Eola-Amity Hills
VINEYARD	100% Tarren Vineyard
ALCOHOL	13.6%
PRODUCTION	376 Cases
CERTIFICATIONS	Biodynamic, Demeter Organic, CCOF
FERMENTATION and AGING	30 Days extended maceration 30% Whole cluster fermentation 40% New French oak Aged 12 months in barrel Aged 8 months in bottle



Wine Spectator

