

## Scenic Valley Farms 2022 Wild Hare Pinot Noir



**Cases:** 100

**BRIX at harvest** – 23-25

**Technical Data:**

**pH** – 3.83

**RS** – 1.0 g/L

**Alcohol** – 13.4%

**Cooperage:** 40% new estate harvested Oregon oak (light toast)

**Vineyard Notes:** 100% Hare Vineyard

**Tasting Notes:** Opening with earthy aromas of coffee and leather, then evolving into candied red fruit flavors of raspberry and cherry. The concentration and intensity are evident in the rich texture, with structure provided from Oregon oak barrels that offer tannins on the finish.

**Winemaker Notes:** Our five person crew manages every inch of hare vineyard by hand: from pruning, vine training, and harvesting by hand, this wine is a reflection of their meticulous work. Our cool climate site usually gives us low alcohol, high acid wines. Wild fermented for added complexity, and we barrel selected our five favorite barrels (including two brand new barrels crafted from estate harvested Oregon white oak) to ensure this wine had enough depth of flavor and texture to deserve its single vineyard status. Hand bottled unfiltered to create a wine that has the potential to age gracefully.

**The Label:** Drawn by Mira Eng-Goetz, the gold writing says this is our gold standard of pinot noir. The wild hare running on the label represents both the name of the vineyard and the healthy wildlife community that thrives in the South Salem Hills.

**Vintage Notes:** The motto for the 2022 vintage was “embrace the weird.” A warm, wet spring foreshadowed an early, healthy harvest, but a freak snowstorm in May threw everything off balance. As a result of the Spring Snowstorm, every crop on the farm was two weeks behind schedule, including wine grapes. We were blessed with dry weather in October, and we began the slow and steady harvest to get all the grapes off the vine before the rain came. The resulting wines show great promise, with reasonably low alcohol levels and balanced acidity. The fruit and texture are definitely there, with a hint of herbal notes to remind us of the cool weather to start the spring. We are expecting easy drinking wines with complexity and depth, but if the 2022 vintage taught us anything, it’s to expect the unexpected.

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