

VINTAGE NOTES | 2022



March 2022 came in like a lion and went out like a lamb and after all the rain we were happily enjoying a beautiful early spring in April. Flowers were blooming, our cover crop was lush and full and the vines had decided it was time to begin their annual cycle of bud break, allowing small leaves to begin to unfurl. Out of nowhere we were hit with a blast of cold Arctic air and temperatures quickly dropped below freezing, holding there for almost 7 days in an unprecedented late frost event for the valley.

We collectively held our breath to see how the vines would respond, and in the end we were amazed by the resilience of Mother Nature. Though we lost many of the primary buds, the protected secondary (and in some case, tertiary) buds appeared a couple of weeks after the frost, providing a reset to the growing season.

Despite the late start and anxiety-producing spring, summer came on strong and October was dry and one of the warmest in Oregon history, allowing clusters to remain on the vine longer and leading to optimal ripening.

The wines are remarkable in their lively and energetic nature, bright acidity and fruit forward aromas...almost as if to celebrate the joy of overcoming challenges earlier in the year!

Reminiscent of 2010, these wines hold the promise of enjoyment for years to come.

