# FLY ROD CELLARS

## **2021 PLASTIC SURGEON PINOT NOIR**



#### **TASTING NOTES**

Our first wine from outside of Washington is 100% Pinot Noir from Erratic Oaks Vineyard in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Pretty aromas of perfume, lavender, cherry, cinnamon and fresh cut grass are a precursor to flavors of cherry, raspberry, mushroom, olives, and green tea. The finish is juicy and long with medium tannins. Pairs with turkey, duck, or grilled salmon.

#### **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Two clones were blended together for this Pinot: Clone 115 and Pommard. Brix (% sugar) at harvest was 23.0%. Our grapes were hand sorted and mechanically destemmed into a small bin for a two day cold soak to bring out flavors and color. Yeast and nutrients were added to start a 8 day active fermentation. The "free run" wine was pumped into barrels and the remaining skins were gently pressed to extract remaining wine into the barrels. The wine then went through a malolactic fermentation which softens the wine. The wine was aged for 10 months in 67% neutral French oak barrels and 33% new Francois Freres French oak barrels and bottled on August 8, 2022.

### **VINTAGE AND VINEYARD NOTES**

A warm and dry spring led to early bloom. This was followed by a major rain event that helped the vines weather drought stress and summer heat spikes with no damage. Yields were slightly lower with somewhat smaller berries. Our grapes were picked on October 6 from Erratic Oaks Vineyard.

#### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Vintage: 2021 pH: 3.60
Cases: 118 TA: 5.0 g/L
AVA: Oregon/Willamette Valley Alcohol: 13.1%

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