

2020

L'Altra Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills

Willamette Valley, Oregon



Suggested Retail:
\$48

Vintage:

After a relatively mild winter, 2020 greeted us with unseasonably warm spring temperatures early on, followed by rain and cooler temperatures in May and June. Subsequently, both estate vineyards were hit with heavy rainstorms while the vines were flowering, causing uneven fruit set and overall low yields. July and August were slightly warmer and drier than average, so disease pressure was fortunately very low this vintage. Altogether, bud break occurred just slightly earlier than average and the rest of the growing season kept up at the same pace; until we finally brought in our first fruit on September 7th for our Rosé of Pinot Noir. Next, as our warm, dry summer progressed into September, Oregon was hit with several wildfires - bringing smoke into large parts of the state. Depending on location, topography, and wind, vineyards across the Willamette Valley were differently affected by the smoke. The fruit quality as a whole was pristine though, and the white wines and Rosé will be as refreshing and flavorful as ever. At the same time, we will keep carefully nurturing our Pinot Noir until it is ready to be enjoyed.

Tasting Notes:

We hope you enjoy this youthful and juicy expression of the 2020 vintage. We carried out light and gentle extractions during fermentation, introduced no new oak in the ageing process, and decided to release the wine early. Meant to be consumed young, our 2020 L'Altra shows off succulent tones of pie cherry, raspberry, and cocoa powder. A palate of tart cranberry and cantaloupe is bookended by dusty tannins and a zippy acidity. Serve lightly chilled, alongside an herbed goat cheese tart, or whitefish tacos!

~Winemaker Dominique Mahé

Vineyards:

Furioso Vineyard, Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon (estate)

Winemaking:

Case Production: 375 cases
Barrel regimen: 10 months in neutral French oak
ABV: 13.2%

Cellaring:

One to three years post vintage – 2021-2023