



A bright new dawn breaks over Lenné Estate...

Welcome to the Fall 2023 shipping release!

It's great to get back to our shipping club, after missing the Spring 2023 release due to the ongoing winery sale.

The 2021 vintage was an exceptional one for Oregon pinot noir. We saw a heavy fruit set and beautifully ripe grapes, after clearing some hurdles along the way. June 20-22, 2021 brought the hottest temps in recorded history to Oregon, with highs up to 115°. Thankfully the grapes were still the size of frozen peas, and the vines were undamaged by the oven-like temps. (That sort of heat in August or September would tell a much sadder story.)

There were a few more 100°+ days in July and the ripening was ahead of schedule, but a cool stretch in late August and September allowed us to delay the harvest. Those extra weeks of hang time let the grapes build acidity without overripening, and really made the vintage.

2021 LeNez pinot noir

Our most approachable pinot noir, this vintage is 60% Pommard clone, with Dijon 114, 115, and 667. It is denser and more full-bodied than most year's LeNez, with black and red fruited flavors, tropical notes, and a bit of baking spice on the finish.

2021 Eleanor's 114 Dijon clone

Most Willamette Valley wineries use the 114 Dijon clone in their blends, to add delicacy and lighter notes of red fruit. We love it in our blends as well – in most years it makes up about half of our Kill Hill – but we get such bold, rich flavors in our berries that our 114 can stand alone and earn praise. Look for bright fruit notes of raspberry and cherry, with a smooth texture and notes of spice on the finish.

2021 Jill's 115 Dijon clone

The 115 Dijon clone is known for being fruit forward and tropical, with a softer, smoother mouthfeel than some Lenné pinots. Red and black currants, bright acidity balanced by dense fruit, and a solid, supple finish.

2021 Karen's Pommard clone

The Pommard clone is one of the boldest and more dark-fruited clone of pinot noir, and this is generally our most popular single clone. Sourced exclusively from the highest elevation section of our vineyard, this wine always brings dark black fruited notes, including Bing cherry and blackberry. Longer cellaring highly recommended.

2021 South Slope Select

This wine is a blend of the Pommard and Dijon 115 clones, basically half Karen's and half Jill's. It combines the best of both clones, with a supple, velvety mouthfeel and a dense, lasting fruit finish balanced with fine-grained tannins.

2021 Kill Hill

This wine is a blend of the Dijon 114 and 667 clones. The 667 block is our smallest, growing tenaciously on our rockiest soil atop the northeastern corner of our vineyard. Named "Kill Hill" since 99% of the new vines died there when first planted in the Spring of 2004. The wine is basically Eleanor's, blended with our darkest, spiciest, boldest clone. Gravelly minerality, rich texture, and notes of mocha in the nose and mouth. Exceptional today, but best when cellared at least five years.

Club member charges:

2021 LeNez	\$45
2021 Eleanor's 114.	\$60
2021 Jill's 114.	\$60
2021 Karen's Pommard. . . .	\$60
2021 South Slope Select . . .	\$60
2021 Kill Hill.	\$70

- Rootstock club 6b = 10% discount.
- Rootstock club 12b = 20% discount.
- Taproot Silver club 12b = 25% discount
- Deeproot members 24b = 30% discount