

## Handcrafted

# Single Site

## Pinot Noir

### March 2023 Club Selection

In this shipment you will be the first to try Kill Hill, South Slope and Sad Jack from the 2021 vintage.

Every vintage tells a story and no two vintages are the same in Oregon and this vintage had us all worried. We started out with one of the driest springs on record and March and April were both warm and dry. Thankfully some normal weather, including rain, returned in May but by Memorial Day we were already seeing the first signs of bloom, nearly two weeks ahead of schedule.

Right after Memorial day we started seeing some early heat which is always good around bloom. Fruit set is dependent on heat and light during bloom and each year we seem to be fighting "June Gloom," so we welcomed the unusual weather. As the month went on the temperatures continued to rise with some temperatures near one hundred degrees. On a Monday near the end of June we had another sign that global warming is real when the temperature in the vineyard reached a hundred and fifteen degrees.

At that point we really didn't know what to think, we had never exprienced anything like that before. About two weeks later we had more heat with temperatures in the low one hundreds. We started preparing for an early vintage.

And then something crazy happened, temperatures in the later part of August and beginning of September were below normal, saving what could have been a vintage marred by excessive heat which produces low acid, high alcohol wines.

Instead we got this beautiful vintage. The wines are beautifully textured and will easily last a decade but are the most approachable young wines we have ever made and are hard to resist now.

### 2021 South Slope Pinot Noir

While many of you love the Kill Hill, this has always been my favorite and that is why we make it. The South Slope Pinot is a blend of the 115 and Pommard clones. The resulting wine has red and black fruit, plenty of mocha aromatics and is one of the most beautifully textured South Slope Pinots we have produced.

Bottle Price: Club \$49.50, by case \$44, Retail \$55 Taproot members bottle price \$46.75 case \$41.25

#### 2021 Sad Jack 777 Pinot Noir

We collaborate with winemaker Drew Voit who consults on our Chardonnay for this wine. This is the third Sad Jack Drew has made and maybe the best. It is very fruit driven with loads of bright cherry fruit and mocha aromatics. It is a juicy wine with the right amount of acidity and a long finish.

Bottle Price: Club \$49.50, by case \$44, Retail \$55 Taproot members bottle price \$46.75 case \$41.25

#### 2021 Lenné Kill Hill Pinot Noir

We are guessing that if we took a poll among club members, this would win as their favorite wine. It is certainly the biggest of all our wines being a blendof the 667 and 114 clones from the toughest part of the vineyard. Black raspberry and mocha aromatics give way to a juicy, long finish. This is a wine to put in the cellar if you can resist it now. The price will go up by summer.

Bottle Price: Club \$49.50, by case \$44, Retail \$55 Taproot members bottle price \$46.75 case \$41.25







#### Club Member Charges

The following charges were applied to the credit card we have on file. Quarterly charges are billed at retail minus 10% Rootstock and Taproot Legacy members. Members receive 10% off retail anytime you buy a bottle and 20% when you buy a case. Taproot Legacy members receive 25% on any case and 15% on any bottle excluding the club shipments which are billed at 10%. Taproot Silver members receive 15% off any bottle including the club shipment and 25% off any case. Deeproot members receive 30% off their shipments and 30% off any other purchases.

If you have any questions please contact steve@lenneestate.com.

 2021 South Slope Pinot Noir
 \$55.00

 2021 Sad Jack 777 Pinot Noir
 \$55.00

 2021 Kill Hill Pinot Noir
 \$55.00

 Subtotal
 \$165.00

Less 10% (\$16.50)

Total \$148.50