



A bright new dawn breaks over Lenné Estate...

Welcome to the Fall 2023 release for the Lenné wine club! Our tasting room remains closed for renovations, and we're so grateful to our wine club members for sticking with us through it all. We wanted to host this pickup party on the vineyard since we know how special this place is to all of you

Members able to attend the Sept 16-17th event were able to see the extensive work that's underway on the grounds, the massive new retaining wall, and the footprint for what will be an amazing new patio space. Unfortunately, we've still got a while to wait; due to permitting issues, we are now looking at early next year for the grand reopening.

Thankfully, we have a permit to work on the grounds, and are doing so. Later this month we will be grading, paving, and leveling the entire driveway up the hill and the parking area around the building. Once that's done we will set up a huge tent north of the building, and will host guests in a heated, lounge-style tasting space during the Winter. We should resume normal operations this Winter, and we will be taking part in the December Laughlin Loop event, plus our usual Winter Wander club share in February 2024.

If anyone who feels they are not getting the full value of their membership due to the lengthy tasting room closure, we understand. Let us know and we'll be happy to put your wine club membership on pause, with no charges to your account we are again able to host members and guests in our remodeled and glorious tasting room.

On to the new release wines!

The 2021 Eleanor's 114 Dijon clone makes its debut in this allocation, along with the 2021 Lenne Estate pinot noir, plus a library bonus, the 2018 Sad Jack 777 clone. Club members able to attend our pickup party on the vineyard, the library special was our 2014 Lenne Estate blend, available exclusively during that event. Going forward, we plan to pour a library wine at every wine club party, where they will also be available for purchase, exclusively to club members.

The 2021 vintage was an exceptional one for Oregon pinot noir. We saw one of our heaviest fruit sets, with a record harvest of 51 tons, but thanks to a long and sunny summer, the berries achieved perfect ripeness. We'll never forget the record heat of June 20-22, 2021, where three straight days saw unprecedented highs up to 115°.

Thankfully the grapes were still the size of frozen peas, and the vines were unaffected by the heat. (That sort of inferno in August or September would be a much sadder story.)

We saw a few more days of 100°+ temps in July, and were expecting a very fruit-forward vintage, ala 2015 or 2018, but late August and early September ushered in a cooler stretch, which allowed us to delay the harvest. Those extra weeks of hang time let the grapes build acidity without overripening, and really made the vintage

The 2021 wines are showing exceptionally well. They have amazing balance for their age, with bright acidity tempering the fruit-forward flavors. This is the final vintage of Lenné wines made by our founder, Steve Lutz, and he urges all of us to bury them all in our cellars for at least a decade! In all seriousness, we do recommend bottle aging Lenné pinot noirs for 6-12 years, or even longer, if you can stand the wait.

2021 LENNÉ ESTATE PINOT NOIR

Our flagship blend of pinot noir, this wine generally features all five clones from our vineyard. In 2021 every bit of the 777 Dijon went into the Sad Jack, so this wine is roughly 65% Pommard, with Dijon 114, 115, and 667 filling the balance. Due to that higher % of Pommard and 667, it is denser and more full-bodied than most year's Lenne Estate, with masculine proportions, black fruit and spice, with a lingering 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.

2018 SAD JACK 777 DIJON CLONE

The 777 Dijon clone is "just right," a bit of a Goldilocks. It's classic pinot, not the most or least fruity, with acidity and tannins in balance. We think it's one of the best clones to really show a vineyard's terroir. Our 2018 Sad Jack is supple and powerful, with notes of cola, plum, rhubarb, Allspice, with a dense, jammy finish.

Club member charges:

2021 Lenne Estate, \$50

2021 Eleanor's 114, \$60

2018 Sad Jack 777, \$50

Subtotal: \$160

Rootstock members = 10% discount.

Taproot Silver members = 15% discount (6 bottles)

Deeprout members = 30% discount (6 bottles)

If you have questions about the wines or any other issues, please contact Eric@LenneEstate.com