



Handcrafted • Single Site • Pinot Noir

December 2022 Club Selection

In twenty-two years of farming grapes in Oregon the only thing I know for sure is that vintages, like life, are unpredictable.

The 2021 vintage started out early with a very dry March and April. After a normal bud break we got some warm weather and saw our first signs of flowering on Memorial Day, two weeks earlier than usual. Early June produced more heat which culminated in a record breaking event in mid June where we peaked at 116 degrees in the vineyard. Honestly, I was braced for the worst, fearing we would be picking overripe grapes in mid September. We never like extremes in the weather preferring long, moderate vintages. Fortunately, the fruit had just set and were still hard, green little berries impervious to any extremes at that point.

Normally we would pull leaves on the east side of the fruiting zone after fruit set to aid ripening. We decided to hold off and wait out the hot weather. Towards the end of June we had one more small heat wave with several days over 100 degrees. Then it stopped and that was our last real heat of the summer. We ended up having a mild August and September and created another great Oregon vintage with the most even ripening I have seen in any vintage.

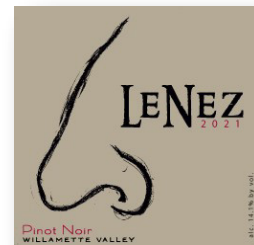
The 2021 vintage goes right up there with my favorite vintages in the last ten years, namely 2016, 2019 and if you have had any of our 2014 wines lately that would have to be up there. The 2021 is a classic Oregon Pinot Noir vintage, with bright red and black fruits and remarkable textures. For those of you who don't age wine you will have no problem drinking these wines early, they are hard to resist. Those of you who cellar wines will be rewarded with long-lived delicious wines over the next decade and beyond.

We hope you enjoy these beautiful wines for years to come and think of us at Lenné!

2021 LeNez Pinot Noir

This wine is a tremendous value for the quality in the bottle. Mixed black and red fruits and the ever present mocha aromatic make for easy drinking now but will improve over the next decade.

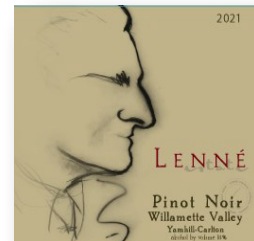
*Bottle Price: Club \$31.50, by case \$28, Retail \$35
Taproot members bottle price \$29.25, case \$26.75*



2021 Lenné Estate

This 2021 Lenné Estate has slightly more depth and elegance than the LeNez bottling with fine grained tannins. The mouthfeel is soft and velvety with plenty of Bing cherry and mocha aromatic. It is hard to resist now but will reward those of you who have patience and should develop nicely over the next ten to twelve years.

*Bottle Price: Club \$36, by case \$32 Retail \$40
Taproot members bottle price \$34, case \$30*



2017 cinq élus Pinot Noir

The French term "cinq élus" means the five elected and this wine represents the best barrel from each of our five clonal blocks. The wine has plenty of underlying dark red fruit, oak and firm, long finish. While some of you will drink it now, this wine will be longlived and continue to evolve over the next 15 years. We decided to hold the 2017 cinq back to let it develop for this late release.

*Bottle Price: Club \$76.50, by case \$68, Retail \$85
Taproot members bottle price \$72.25 case \$63.75*



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@lennestate.com.

2021 LeNez Pinot Noir	\$35.00
2021 Lenné Estate Pinot Noir	\$40.00
2017 Lenné cinq élus Pinot	\$85.00
Subtotal	\$160.00
Less 10% (Retail)	(\$16.00)
Total	\$144.00