



Welcome to the Lenné Estate December 2023 wine club release. This allocation includes the last of our 2021 pinots to go public, the 2021 *cinq elus*, along with our crowd faves, the 2021 LeNez and 2021 Lenne Estate.

Our December wine club release typically includes our most premium wine, the Cinq Elus, along with our first releases from the next year, the LeNez and Lenne Estate.

We are basically following that path this year, except that our new winemaker, Jared Etzel, likes to barrel age a bit longer than Steve Lutz, did, so the 2022 Lenne pinots are still in barrel! We plan to debut the first Lenne Estate wines made by Jared in the Spring of 2024, once they are bottled and ready to go.

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.

We think the 2021 vintage will go down as one of the all time classics in Oregon pinot noir, and we are so glad it provided a great fruit set for the last vintage made by Lenne's founder, Steve Lutz. Even while young, these 2021 wines are drinking exceptionally well, and they will only improve with cellar aging.

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 cinq elus

This wine is blended from the single best barrel of each of the pinot noir clones on our vineyard. One barrel each of the Dijon 114, 115, 667, and 777, plus the Pommard clone. Only made in exceptional vintages, it shows the best aspects of all five clones, with red fruit, black fruit, velvety texture, fruit notes, spice, texture, tannins, and more. Amazingly complex and dense now, it will only improve with additional cellar aging.

2021 Lenne Estate pinot noir

Our flagship offering, this wine is blended from all five clones on our vineyard, typically dominated by at least 50% of the Pommard clone, giving it full-body and a dense texture. Best paired with hearty fare, and as capable of exquisite improvement from cellar aging as our higher end wines.

Club member charges:

- 2021 LeNez \$45
- 2021 Cinq Elus \$85
- 2021 Lenne Estate \$50

- Rootstock club 3b = 10% discount.
- Taproot Silver club 6b = 15% discount
- Deeprout club 12b = 30% discount