



Handcrafted • Single Site • Pinot Noir

December 2021 Club Selection

What a year!

We will all remember 2020 as the year the pandemic swept through the nation, taking lives and wreaking havoc on our economy. Wine growers will remember it a disastrous year for other reasons as well. Fortunately we rebounded in a big way in 2021 with a big fruit set and some of the most even ripening I have experienced.

The 2020 vintage was a difficult one with showery and cool spring weather which used to be a typical weather pattern for this part of the Northwest. The cool weather resulted in one of the poorest fruit sets in Lenné's history. We normally harvest around 37 tons of fruit and this year we got a little over 16. It may have been a blessing in disguise. In September a blanket of smoke covered the Northern Willamette Valley for over a week. Some producers decided not to pick rather than risk smoke taint in their wines. Based on the small fruit set we decided to pick and turn the fruit into wine and see what we get.

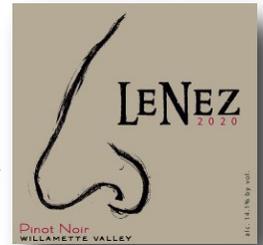
We only made two wines from the 2020 vintage with 525 cases of LeNez and 175 cases of Lenné Estate Pinot Noir, no single clone, South Slope, Kill Hill or cinq élus Pinot Noir. Had we not had the smoke taint, we would have made no LeNez or Lenné Estate, everything would have been reserved for the highest tiers because of the very low yields which resulted in uniform ripening and gorgeous, lush wines. But we did get smoke taint and it comes off a little like a black pepper aromatic as of this writing.

The wines are still lush and have gorgeous fruit and will be great for near term drinking. We recommend drinking these wines in the next six years.

2020 LeNez Pinot Noir

This wine is a tremendous value for the quality in the bottle. This is like blending all of our highest end single clones and South Slope lots together. You can sense the smoke in the background but still lush and flavorful. Drink now and over the next 6 years.

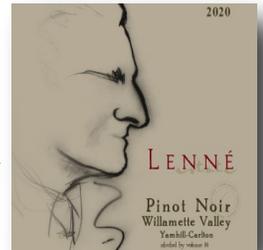
*Bottle Price: Club \$22.50, by case \$16.67, Retail \$25
Taproot members bottle price \$21.25, case \$16.67*



2020 Lenné Estate

This 2020 Lenné Estate has slightly more depth than the LeNez bottling. The mouthfeel is lush with plenty of fruit and a black pepper aromatic from the smoke. This wine is comprised of the best 7 barrels of the vintage. Drink now and over the next 6 years.

*Bottle Price: Club \$31.50, by case \$25.00, Retail \$35
Taproot members bottle price \$29.75, case \$21.67*



2019 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 is full of black and red fruit, exotic oak and firm, long finish. While some of you will drink it now, this wine will be long lived and continue to evolve over the next 15 years. One of our favorite vintages that compares to the 2016 vintage. Drink now and over the next decade.

*Bottle Price: Club \$71.50, 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.

2020 LeNez Pinot Noir	\$25.00
2020 Lenné Estate Pinot Noir	\$35.00
2019 Lenné cinq élus Pinot	\$85.00
Subtotal	\$145.00
Less 10%	(\$14.50)
Total	\$130.50