

# GOLDEN WEST

## 2021 GOLDEN WEST PINOT NOIR

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

First thought...this is so good, so intriguing and undoubtedly beautiful...hibiscus, shiitake mushroom, olallieberry and forest floor after a morning rain comes in waves, followed by cherry, orange peel, clove and pipe tobacco. Rich divine and unbelievably fantastic. If this is what Washington Pinot Noir is about, I want more, and so should you.

### ABOUT

Golden West Pinot Noir is a single-block selection from the Old Ponies Block within the Golden West Vineyard. This parcel was planted in 2016 with the renowned Pinot Noir clones 777 and 115. Our winemaking team employs the utmost dedication to quality with this wine, as demonstrated by an extensive aging period of 20 months within select French oak barrels. This relaunched wine aims to highlight Washington State's optimal terroir for producing luxury Pinot Noir.

### CURRENT SCORES

**93 Points, James Suckling**

"Fermented with 30% whole clusters, the wine has a stemmy, woody, black-tea component that nicely complements the raspberries, sour cherries and cloves. Great acidity and moderate tannins add a nice little bite. Drink now or hold."

**92 Points, Eric Guido-Vinous**

"Opens up with a burst of sour citrus and savory herbs accentuating crushed cherries. Silky and refined, this slows across the palate with ease, mixing wild berries, sage and rosemary over a core of zesty acidity. It finishes lightly structured and long."

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. It started with an early bud break due to nice weather and moderate temperatures. June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, creating a beautiful, extended ripening season that led to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

### VINEYARD

**Golden West Vineyard (100%)**

Golden West is the largest planting of Pinot Noir in the history of Washington state. The vineyard sits on the far western edge of the Frenchman Hills, and is located on the 47th parallel overlooking the Columbia River. A sustainably-farmed single vineyard at nearly 1,600 feet of elevation, Golden West Vineyard is rooted in ancient limestone, sand and volcanic rock: well-drained soil at the same latitude as Pommard; a temperate microclimate moderated by the Columbia River. The land is an untouched jewel. Previously planted to organic peas and beans, the newly planted vineyard now produces the most beautiful expression of the earth: Pinot Noir.

### WINEMAKING

**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** Royal Slope

**Production:** 4.0 tons per acre, native yeast, 30% whole cluster and 70% whole berry, 37 days on skins | 20 months barrel-aged on lees in 30% new French oak barriques

**Wine Analysis:** 5.3 g/L titratable acidity | 3.77 pH | 14% alcohol | no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745003868

