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2022 TUENGE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES: Crimson with light ruby highlights, this wine offers aromas of wet moss and wild blueberry. Flavors of cranberry, mandarin orange, and mango unfold with a juicy mid-palate and a lengthening velvety texture. A refined balance of boldness and elegance.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Tuenge Vineyard is an old soul, hosting 25-year-old vines planted in ancient, decomposed volcanic materials known as Laurelwood soil, giving the impression of a much older farm. A gentle Southern slope in the vineyard provides ample sunlight and good drainage throughout the growing season. A gentle basket press sends wines to 25% new French oak barrels to age for 15 months. Blending between individual barrels allows vineyard blocks, clones and fermentations to marry, showcasing the best elements from across the vineyard and winery.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW: 2022 was classic Oregon grape-growing, reminiscent of seasons early in Oregon's winegrowing history. A chilly, wet spring and long, moderate days meant healthy vines, delayed flowering, and unraveling acidity. August and September shared warm days and above-average cluster size. October harvest was full of sunny, dry days that allowed grapes to achieve optimal ripeness with favorable hang time. The late spring resulted maximum acid retention, while late summer gave wonderful flavors and tannin ripeness.

TECHNICAL DATA:

APPELLATION:
Laurelwood District,
Chehalem Mountains
VINEYARD: Tuenge Vineyard
HARVEST: 10/8-10/19/22

ALCOHOL: 13.5%
BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir
CASES PRODUCED: 150

