

# Beaux Frères

RIBBON RIDGE AVA | OREGON

## THE UPPER TERRACE PINOT NOIR 2021

*The Upper Terrace Vineyard, just north and a bit higher elevation from the Beaux Frères Vineyard, was first planted in 2000. It is comprised of Dijon clones of Pinot Noir covering about 9 acres of the 40-acre site—the rest is densely forested.*

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD SIZE:

9.11 acres

VINEYARD LOCATION:

Ribbon Ridge AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

HARVEST DATES: September 9th to September 22nd

VINIFICATION: Primary fermentation using indigenous yeast in small vats for 15 to 18 days, unfined and unfiltered

MATURING: 10 months in French oak barrels, 31% new

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 13.7%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 5.3 g/L

pH: 3.67

TOTAL CASE PRODUCTION: 1,688

### GROWING SEASON SYNOPSIS:

*The 2021 vintage commenced on August 30th, and continued steadily for 26 days with moderate to moderately-high yields in our estate vineyards. Flavor and chemistry are reminiscent of 2018. Minimal acid adjustment and lower alcohol than what would have been expected for a record breaking year for heat. The heat came early enough to have less of an impact on the major variables such as acid and sugar development. Given the temperate conditions around harvest, the wines possess a roundness at this early stage that we feel speaks to the overall quality of the vintage.*

### TASTING NOTES:

*Strawberry cobbler, baking spice, brown butter*

