

Beaux Frères



New Releases

THE BEAUX FRÈRES VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2022
WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2022


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About the Estate



As the exclusive UK importer, we are delighted to bring you the new 2022 vintage from Beaux Frères. Founded 36 years ago by the Etzel family and wine critic Robert Parker Jr, this renowned Oregon estate has become one of the most talked about producers of Pinot Noir in the New World.

Having tasted vintages back to 2010, we can confidently say that Beaux Frères crafts some world-class Pinot Noir. It rivals the great appellations of Burgundy and deserves to be represented in your cellar. We are not alone in our praise for this cult Oregon estate. As Eric Guido of Vinous explains: "Beaux Frères comfortably remains one of the icons of the region".

"The result is a set of wines that come across as wickedly fresh, complex and solidly fruited," Guido writes of these new releases. Recent vintages are the most well-received and highly-scored to date, whilst older vintages have become increasingly hard to find.

"This is a set of 2022s that should not be missed. They represent an ideal blend of terroir, vintage and winemaking." Eric Guido, Vinous

"Since our first release in 1991, the Beaux Frères philosophy remains the same – to produce world class wine that represents the uncompromised essence of Mother Nature." Beaux Frères

2022 *Vintage*

After bud break in late March, an unexpected frost hit the Willamette Valley on April 12, damaging over half of our primary buds. This was followed by an unusually cold spring and persistent heavy rains that lasted until June 20.

As a result, our primary fruit-bearing canopy was reduced by approximately 70%. However, a rapid transition to above-average summer temperatures and minimal rainfall by mid-June helped us catch up, leaving us about four weeks behind the 2021 season in development. Flowering began on June 28, yielding one of the most prolific bloom cycles the region has seen in years. While cluster counts were lower than in a frost-free year, larger cluster sizes compensated, leading to yields only about 10% below average.

Harvest took place from October 1 to October 15, with just 0.4 inches (10 mm) of rain during this key period. This favorable weather contributed significantly to the exceptional quality of the vintage.



Willamette Valley Pinot Noir 2022

"This shows spicy and walnut character to its red fruit, with dried citrus peel and crushed stone. Medium-bodied, juicy, racy, vivid and electrifying. Minerally and agile."

94 points, James Suckling

"The 2022 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley has layered aromas of pomegranate, cranberry and blackberry with nuances of cardamom, mushrooms and earth. The medium-bodied palate is silky and seamless. It has a concentrated core of spice- and earth-laced fruit and a long, nuanced finish. It's dangerously easy to drink without sacrificing nuance."

93 points, Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate

£350 per 6x75cl IB



The Beaux Frères Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

"Darkly floral, the 2022 Pinot Noir The Beaux Frères Vineyard wafts up with an earthy bouquet as flowery underbrush and crushed ashen stones complicate dried black cherries and a flourish of lavender. This is cool-toned and racy, with a cascade of sweet spice and ripe red and blue fruits that flow across a stream of vibrant acidity. The 2022 finishes structured, long and beautifully balanced, leaving a classically dry sensation as rosy inner florals gradually recede. In 2022, Mikey Metzel pushed the new oak up to 35% from 25% due to the quality of the tannins and freshness of the fruit."

95 points, Eric Guido, Vinous

"Attractive and fresh pinot with red cherries, cranberries, minty pine-needle freshness and hints of citrus peel. Medium-bodied, bright and blooming, with delicious red-berry character. Very polished and refined. Flavorful and vivid."

95 points, James Suckling

£650 per 6x75cl IB

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THE BEAUX FRÈRES VINEYARD

2022

Pinot Noir

Unfined & Unfiltered



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