



2021 SAVAGNIN

VINTAGE NOTES

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPERIENCED A RELATIVELY WARM WINTER DURING 2020-2021, AND MUCH OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SAW AVERAGE TO BELOW AVERAGE WINTER PRECIPITATION. WITH A COOL AND DRY START TO THE GROWING SEASON, WE SAW BUDBREAK THE THIRD WEEK OF APRIL AND PROGRESSED THROUGH A FEW HEAT SPIKES AND THEN ONTO SOME COOL WEATHER IN LATE MAY, AND RAIN DURING FLOWERING IN JUNE. THE MOST MEMORABLE WEATHER EVENT OF 2021 WAS THE EPIC "HEAT DOME" IN LATE JUNE, WHICH FORTUNATELY DID NOT DAMAGE THE VINES OR DEVELOPING BERRIES THANKS TO THE TIMING OF THE EVENT AND CORRESPONDING PLANT GROWTH STAGE. THE REMAINDER OF THE GROWING SEASON WAS WARMER THAN AVERAGE, WITH A COOL DOWN IN BOTH AUGUST AND DURING HARVEST IN OCTOBER. IN COMPARISON TO 2020, FRUIT SET WAS CONSISTENT BUT YIELDED SMALLER CLUSTERS AND BERRIES OVERALL. 2021 WAS A WONDERFUL GROWING SEASON, WITH LOW DISEASE PRESSURE, AVERAGE YIELDS AND PERFECT CLUSTERS - WHICH LED TO CONCENTRATED, FRESH AND COMPLEX WINES ACROSS ALL CLONES AND VARIETIES AT JOHAN.

PRODUCTION NOTES

SAVAGNIN IS A GRAPE THAT IS NATIVE TO THE JURA REGION IN EASTERN FRANCE. IT IS KNOWN TO PRODUCE DRY WHITE WINES, FULL OF MINERAL-DRIVEN AROMATICS AND LOADS OF BRIGHT ACIDITY. IN 2017, MORGAN WAS ASKED TO "CARE FOR" 200 BABY SAVAGNIN VINES COMING STRAIGHT FROM THE FOUNDATION OF PLANT SCIENCES AT UC DAVIS - THE FIRST OF THIS GRAPE VARIETY IN THE STATES! SHE NOT ONLY CARED FOR THEM BUT GREW THEM UP IN SMALL POTS UNTIL WE COULD EVENTUALLY HARVEST THE BUDWOOD AND GRAFT THE VARIETY INTO THE VINEYARD. AFTER TWO YEARS OF GROWTH, WE GRAFTED THE VARIETY INTO THE VINEYARD IN THE SPRING OF 2019 AND MADE OUR FIRST SAVAGNIN WINE IN 2021. WE FIND THIS GRAPE TO BE REMINISCENT OF THE CHARDONNAY ON THE PROPERTY, BUT WITH MORE MINERALITY AND A VERY LONG FINISH. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR INAUGURAL RELEASE OF SAVAGNIN!

PRODUCTION: 125 CASES PRODUCED

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

pH: 3.04

TA: 7.7 g/L