

SERVICE



Cellaring

Optimum consumption: 8 to 10 years
Ageing potential: 15 years



Tasting temperature

16°C (61-62°F)

Grape variety

Pinot Noir

Vineyard

Roserock is an extraordinary vineyard at the southern tip of the Eola-Amity Hills, in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Ancient volcanic soils, an ideal elevation range and the unique cooling effect of the Van Duzer corridor produce classic cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Roserock is LIVE-certified sustainable.

Tasting

par Véronique Boss-Drouhin

Zéphirine brings new ideas to mind. The colour flashes in the glass like the gemstone red apatite, or maybe even the Triumph Ronaldo variety of tulip when in full bloom. The nose is alluring like blackberry bramble and bilberry and eventually folds into white pepper and stone. These deep, beautifully defined aromatics set the stage for a complex and layered explosion of flavors, full of deft balance and precision. Silky smooth, with a poised structure, this is an excellent selection for long-term ageing.

Winemaking

Our Zéphirine Pinot Noir is a barrel selection cuvée from the Roserock vineyard, and is a reference expression of the site. Zéphirine conveys purity and beauty, reflects winemaker Véronique Boss-Drouhin's dedication to elegance and finesse, and will age meaningfully for years to come. The name refers to the Zéphirine Drouhin variety of climbing rose, which is known for its fragrance and beauty.



Vintage

While winter temperatures were slightly warmer than average, and drought conditions continued across the west, February 2021 was defined by an ice-storm unlike anything seen in the Willamette Valley for 40 years.

The growing season started out relatively cool but continued dry. The Willamette Valley saw mild to moderate early to mid-April frosts, followed by an early season heat event at the start of May. At the end of June, we experienced the warmest days ever recorded in the Valley, and yet the vines remained healthy and resilient.

At the end of this dramatic growing season, the vines delivered grapes with complex flavours, incredible balance, and layers of elegance. As winemakers and grape growers, we couldn't have asked for a better gift from the vineyard.