



Blueberry Wine 2023

I'm thrilled to offer you this delicious wine made of blueberries grown on 35-year-old bushes on a local farm. This wine is a collaboration with my partner, Jim Anderson of Patricia Green Cellars, and we each have half of the total production. Blueberries are indigenous to this continent, and it's believed that they are the first fruit that emerged at the end of the last ice age. Blueberries have been used for both food and medicine for centuries and are known to be packed with nutrition and anti-oxidants-but mostly, they are wildly delicious. Jim and I produced this wine in the same way we produce our single vineyard Pinots: small lot fermentations, pressing at dryness, and élevage in neutral French oak Burgundy barrels until racking to tank in preparation for bottling.

2023 is our second year of producing this wine, and it's quite different than our first. The nose is gorgeous, and though there are blueberry notes to it, it could be mistaken for a fine Pinot noir. The youthful, bluish red colour is deeper than that of many but not all my Pinot noirs, and the wine is brilliantly transparent, full of movement, and has a silky texture like grape wine without any viscous heaviness. The acidity and structure beautifully support the fruit and this wine is far from simple. One can taste delicious Oregon blueberries-of course-but also a complex range of other dark berries and spices. It has a long, pleasing finish. I wish we had more! The bushes had a very light set in 2023 due to weather events during flowering.

Blueberries love growing here, and I can't imagine an Oregon summer without our berries. So here is some Oregon summer for you in a glass. I hope you enjoy this wine as much as Jim and I do!

Farm location: Willamette Valley

Picking Date: 16 August 2023

Élevage: 8 months in tight-grained, neutral French oak Burgundy barrels

Bottling Date: 12 June 2024

Alcohol: 12.5 %

Cases Produced (Kelley Fox Wines): 42