## **EVESHAM WOOD**

The Wine

Designation: Cuvee J

Vintage: 2021

Produced: 148 cases
ABV: 13.0%

Released: Autumn 2023

The Place Eola-Amity Hills

Vineyard: Le Puits Sec

AVA:

Vines Planted: 85% 1986 (own-rooted) Pommard balanced with more recent grafts

Density: 2300 vines per acre

Soil: Nekia & Jory

Elevation: 311 -423'

Exposure: East-southeast

Harvested: Mid-September, 2021

Farming: Dry-farmed using organic practices

Certification: Organic (Oregon Tilth)

The Method

Yeast: Proprietary "Jayer"

Extraction: Twice-daily pumpover for three days

followed by twice-daily punchdown

Cuvaison: 26 days

Elevage: 18 months

Oak Regimen: French barrels, 25% new

Winemaker Notes:

2021 is another vintage that began with a warmer than average Summer (it hit 118f in June!) but ended on a cooler than average harvest. It resulted in a vintage with the richness of '18 but with '19's pretty side — it's built on poise rather than broad shoulders.

One of the greatest characteristics Russ finds in our proprietary yeast that he "isolated" from a bottle of 1986 Jayer Echezeaux is the velvety texture it imparts on the wines. While we use that yeast in every Pinot Noir we make, the texture it imparts is particularly notable in this wine. The 6 barrels selected from Le Puits Sec display a beautiful balance of elegance while also concentration and power. Bright red berries, rhubarb, pomegranite molasses, and plum-frangipane tart that finishes with great length and haunting flowers.

- Erin Nuccio



