

2021 Viola Auxerrois

Eola-Amity Hills AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

Björnson Vineyard is part of a scenic 107-acre farm, located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley. We are committed to generating renewable energy, farming sustainably, and making wine with minimal handling, so that each bottle fully expresses our exceptional terroir.

The Grape variety for this wine, Auxerrois, pronounced *aus ser whah*, is a sibling of Chardonnay and is grown primarily in Alsace and Germany.

The Wine is reminiscent of line-dried sheets in the early summer sun. A medley of aromas, with white flowers, fresh cut hay, stone fruit pits, and a touch of cardamom, mingle on the breeze. A sweet entry expands to a very lively acidity with crushed stone minerality and a long, crisp apple finish. This wine honors Pattie's grandmother Viola, a strong German-American whose bear hug could squeeze you to pieces.

The 2021 Vintage was a welcome return to normalcy after a year of fire and pandemic. We were graced with a hard-working group of all-female harvest workers who learned quickly, worked tirelessly, and laughed deeply. The vintage went smoothly, everyone got along exceptionally well, and we made excellent wines together.

In the spring, our vineyard experienced a strong rain event through bloom, which reduced our overall yield to just under normal, eliminating the need to thin our crop. In early June we experienced a heatwave; however, our vines were strong and healthy so our fruit was not damaged. We saw some very clean fruit on the sorting line, and we put our new destemmer and roller-sorting machine to good work, giving us fermenters full of beautiful whole berries. Our red wines turned out quite soft and generous, and we expect them to drink well when they are young. This vintage gave us good minerality and focus in our whites and expressive fruit and classic cola and tea characters in our reds.



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Appellation: Eola-Amity Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vineyard: Björnson Estate, 90% Claire's block Auxerrois, 5% Claire's block Chardonnay, and 5% Bieze Vineyard Pinot Blanc.

Vinification: The fruit was hand-picked and gently whole cluster pressed. The juice was cold settled for one day before being clean racked and inoculated. The fermentation took place in tank and the wine was aged in neutral French oak and acacia barrels for 3 months with occasional batonnage.

Harvested: Sept 7, 2021, 20.5 Brix

Finished Wine: Alc. 12.7%, pH 3.0, TA 7.6 g/L

Bottled: Mar 4, 2022, 125 cases

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