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## AMBAR ESTATE SACRA TERRA 2021 PINOT NOIR DUNDEE HILLS WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The inaugural 2021 Ambar Sacra Terra Pinot Noir embodies the power and the beauty of Ambar Estate. "Sacra Terra" meaning sacred earth, conveying our commitment to caring for this special place in the Dundee Hills. Handpicked and destemmed, Sacra Terra spent 21 days on skins to produce a powerful wine with characteristics typical of the Dundee Hills AVA. Sacra Terra Pinot Noir is a barrel selection crafted with longevity in mind. The wine spent 12 months in 67% new French Oak and then was transferred to neutral oak for another 6 months prior to bottling in March 2023. The blend is layered with notes of fresh earth and clay from the soil on which the vines are grown. It is supported with classic Dundee Hill characteristics of ripe red fruit and ferrous minerality. The palate is carried by generous tannins to a seamless finish.

<b>Varietal</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation</b>	Dundee Hills
<b>Harvest Date</b>	September 3
<b>Bottling Date</b>	March 2023
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	18 months
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.9%
<b>Cases Produced</b>	75

**WINE ENTHUSIAST** 97

### THE 2021 GROWING SEASON

The 2021 growing season was warmer than average in the Willamette Valley, producing beautifully ripe fruit with vibrant flavors. A dry spring led to lingering rain showers during bloom, which reduced the yield in some blocks. Then an abnormal heatwave spread across the valley, with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees Fahrenheit. Fortunately, the fruit prospered as high temperatures occurred between bloom and véraison when berries were hard and less sensitive to damage. Temperatures tapered off prior to harvest, with warm days and cool nights, which allowed the fruit to ripen at a slow and even pace. Harvest began on September 3. The resulting wines are balanced with focused flavors, stunning fruit, gorgeous vibrancy and incredible aging potential.



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