



# NOVO VIVO PINOT NOIR

## Our Philosophy

Lingua Franca is the exploration of Oregon with an open mind, focused on picking fruit optimally for freshness, tension and complexity—based on the varying conditions of the season and the terroir of individual vineyard blocks which are farmed by organic and regenerative farming principals. The land, the way it's farmed and the quality of the light on east-facing slopes in the Willamette Valley are what shape the wines.

## Our Team

Lingua Franca was co-founded by Larry Stone and Dominique Lafon in 2015, inspired by the exceptional vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills that Larry bought in 2012 and planted in 2013. Thomas Savre, who worked at some of the top domains in Burgundy, is responsible for overseeing the winemaking and farming. He is a master at capturing the character of each vineyard site with every vintage.

## Vintage Notes:

Winter was extremely cold, with a historic ice storm that left the region without power for two weeks. It remained cool and wet throughout early spring but warmed up in time to have a major heat dome event at the end of June with record-breaking 116°F temperatures. The resiliency of our non-irrigated soils, having fractured basalt as both an insulator as well as source of stored water meant that our vines had almost no negative effect and remained verdant all the way through. The heat event reduced mildew pressure from a wet spring and the harvest proceeded with fruit in perfect balance and excellent, moderately cool conditions.



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2021 Pinot Noir | Novo Vivo  
Eola-Amity Hills  
Dates Picked: 9/16/2021  
Alcohol: 12.7% pH: 3.46  
Suggested Retail: \$150

## Novo Vivo Pinot Noir 2021

The fruit selected came from Blocks 4 and 7 of moderate yielding Clone 943, grown at the top of the vineyard in Jory and Gelderman volcanic soils. The vines here are among the lowest yielding in our vineyard and give great structure and intensity to the wines produced. This material was considered by the professor who developed the clone program in Burgundy to be the most promising of all.

2021 Novo Vivo is the finest Pinot Noir we have produced in this vintage with a remarkable aroma of black plum blackberry, bergamot and rose petal. The flavor is intense and the texture velvety, with a very long finish of red and black fruits, savory herbs and spices.

## Vinification

This wine was picked specifically for fermentation with popped-head, open top 600-Liter puncheons. As in 2020, only two puncheons, both new, were produced yielding a bit more than 90 cases of wine. The puncheon heads were popped off and puncheons stood on end to serve as small fermenting vessels. One was filled only with completely destemmed, whole berry fruit, the other with completely whole clusters. When both were done with fermentation, the juice was racked off each puncheon into 50% new and old barriques for aging.