

# Megan Anne

## BLACK LOVE

Pinot Noir | Willamette Valley | 2021



### WINEMAKING NOTES

Black Love is a selection of our favorite Pinot Noir barrels sourced from top Willamette Valley vineyards. A blend of three premium clones – Pommard, Clone 115, and Clone 777 – creates a balance of lush dark fruits, earthy aromatics, and age-worthy structure in the wine. The 2021 growing season throughout the region is considered exceptional, with balanced yields and high-quality fruit. The season started a bit earlier than average, with bloom occurring in the first week of June under optimal weather conditions. The season progressed with an unusual heat dome at the end of June, which thankfully did not affect the vineyards at that stage in development. The second half of the season was warmer than average, with dry conditions until a few isolated rain events and cooling in early September that helped build complex flavors. Grapes were harvested between September 15th and October 4th in beautiful weather, resulting in exceptional fruit with beautifully balanced flavors and silky textures in the wine.

### TASTING NOTES

A rich, full-bodied expression of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir made for the Mark Ryan fan. On the nose, aromas of graphite, tea, and dark plum are joined by flavors of ripe black and blue fruits and cacao. Integrated tannins lead to a long fruit-filled finish.

### BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

### BARREL

30% new French oak, 70% used French oak  
18 months in barrel

### PRODUCTION

839 cases

### RELEASE

April 2023

### APPELLATION

Willamette Valley

### MATURITY WINDOW

2023-2035

### VINEYARDS

Nysa, Freedom Hill,  
Temperance Hill, Lazy  
River

### PAST ACCOLADES

2018 - Outstanding, Wine  
Press NW  
2016 - 92 WE, 91 WS  
2015 - 92 WE  
2014 - 93 WE

### ALCOHOL

14.1%

### UPC

850518006434

Founded in 1999 by Mark Ryan McNeilly, **MARK RYAN WINERY** produces limited quantities of highly-sought after wines, crafted intentionally for their quality and potential. As enthusiastic admirers of the Willamette Valley, Mark & Megan McNeilly consider it a second home; it's where they got married and love to spend time with friends and family. **MEGAN ANNE CELLARS** began in 2014 as a collaboration with the couple and acclaimed Oregon winemaker Isabelle Meunier.

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