

BENTON HILLS PINOT NOIR 2022

American AVA



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TASTING NOTES: The Benton Hills Pinot Noir offers youthful exuberance with aromas of ripe red cherries, hints of vanilla, and a smoky undertone. On the palate, its soft tannins and moderate acidity frame flavors of strawberry and earth, leading to a smooth, fresh and juicy finish.

VINIFICATION: This Pinot Noir shows beautiful balance of juicy red fruits alongside a stony texture and herbal accents. Early harvesting and cool gentle fermentation elicit these delicate flavors and aromas and preserve freshness. The wine is aged with light oak to add subtle notes of toast and sweetness. The wine is aged sur lees for 16 months before bottling.

INTERESTING FACT: Benton Hills Vineyards is in a premier wine region in southeastern Washington state, comprising several arid southwest sloping hills that are home to many of the Columbia valley's most celebrated vineyards.

STORY: Ancient basalt flows formed a cluster of small mountains with gentle sloping hillsides ideal for growing vinifera grapes. We affectionately refer to them as our Benton Hills.

M.L. Monson brought his family to the Yakima Valley in the early 1900s. He came with a love for the land and the dream of building a family farming business that would continue for generations.

Initially, the focus was on orchards and cattle. In the 1990s, M.L.'s son Arvid began building in a new direction, establishing vineyards in the arid hills and valleys around Richland. This led to the founding of Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard & Winery in 1998.

Through years of remarkable growth and change, the family has remained true to the vision held by M.L. and Arvid Monson, and today Goose Ridge is led by Arvid's three children, Bill, Molly and Valerie.

PRODUCER: Goose Ridge

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

REGION: American AVA

GRAPE(S): 100% Pinot Noir