

# Decanter Magazine

## 2021 Hundred Suns Wine Reviews

### 2021 Sequitur Vineyard Pinot Noir: 96 pts

**Tasted by:** Clive Pursehouse

(at Seattle, Washington, 04 May 2023)

Part of [Oregon's Willamette Valley 2021: Vintage report and top-scoring wines](#)

**Drinking Window:** 2023 - 2036

Pungent floral aromatics introduce this wine from Sequitur, which sits above the Beaux Frères estate sites in Ribbon Ridge, surrounded by native forests. The palate shows great depth, elegance, and umami character collide; plum skins, blue berry fruits, and turned earth highlight an array of complexity. This wine is made with 35-40% whole cluster, and its structure communicates a great ageability.

### 2021 Own Rooted Pinot Noir: 95 pts

**Tasted by:** Clive Pursehouse

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**Drinking Window:** 2023 - 2034

A barrel selection from three own-rooted vineyards, Bednarik, Noren and Koosah. This wine is a homage to own-rooted Pinot Noir and a picture of a special moment that may not always be possible in Oregon. This wine is wonderfully luxurious and elegant. It shows a real softness for such youth. A note of mossy earth underlines delicate aromatics emphasizing purple florals, violet, and lavender. The palate is delicate and well-knit with tangy and juicy blue fruits leading to a sweet, red-fruited elegance; candied blood orange and ripe bramble fruits carry to a structured finish that shows real ageability.

### 2021 Eola-Amity Hills AVA Pinot Noir : 94 pts

**Tasted by:** Charles Curtis MW

**Part of** [Willamette Valley rising stars: eight names to know](#)

**Drinking Window:** 2025 - 2045

Pure cherry aromas accented with notes of violet and spice waft from the glass of this delightfully silky wine. The texture is elegant and supple, yet still shows impressive density and enough tannic grip to suggest it will age for years. The amusingly named Big Cheese vineyard provides the majority of fruit here. Planted in 2008 to Dijon and Davis clones, 20% of the grapes were added as whole clusters and after a gentle fermentation the wine was aged for 16 months in cask. (Barrel sample).

## 2021 Bednarik Vineyard Pinot Noir: 94 pts

**Tasted by:** Clive Pursehouse

(at Seattle, Washington, 04 May 2023)

**Drinking Window:** 2023 - 2036

From own-rooted Pommard and Wadenswil planted in the early 1980s. This is the coolest site that Grant and Renee work with. There are opulent florals and fresh yet rich red berry aromatics. The own-rooted vines seem to hone in on fruit and floral characters, and the palate shows rich strawberry and pomegranate flavors, tayberries and strawberry balsamic. This wine shows a mature sense of concentration.

## 2021 Old Eight Cut Chardonnay : 94 Pts

**Tasted by:** Clive Pursehouse

(at Seattle, Washington, 04 May 2023)

**Drinking Window:** 2023 - 2032

Comprised of Chardonnay from mostly Koosah and Lone Feather Vineyard and left on the lees with no stirring. Only 10% new oak really lets this fruit from all basalt soils shine through. The palate is richly textured, with lemon cream, stony petrichor and notes of cardamom and pear, showing real depth and elegance.

## 2021 Carson Phillips Pinot Noir: 94 pts

**Tasted by:** Clive Pursehouse

(at Seattle, Washington, 04 May 2023)

**Drinking Window:** 2023 - 2034

Powerful fruit aromatics from this Dundee Hills site, followed on by a tremendous stony minerality. The palate shows tension and structure. There is ample red brambly fruit, a bit of clove and nutmeg, and a touch of smoky minerality to finish.

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Made with 35% whole cluster, this wine exudes that Eola-Amity spiciness—aromatics of violets accented by white pepper and exotic spice. The palate is rich and lushly fruited, all the while complemented with savoury dried herbs, pomegranate, a core of concentrated blue fruits and a richness and power to the finish.