



BENTON HILLS

PINOT NOIR 2021  
AMERICAN AVA

## VINEYARDS

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.

Dr. Walter Clore, considered by many the "father" of the Washington wine industry, was impressed by the region's gentle, south-facing slopes and warm temperatures. He encouraged planting rows to maximize sun exposure and establishing the site in small blocks to facilitate estate-grown wines managed for low yields through careful pruning and thinning practices. As a result of the vineyard's sustainable practices and attention to detail, grapes ripen evenly and the wines are consistently ripe, rich, and fruit-forward.

## TASTING NOTE

*Our 2021 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.*

- Andrew Wilson, Winemaker

## WINEMAKING

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.

**Varietal Blend:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** American AVA

**TA:** 5.2 g/L

**PH:** 3.7

**RS:** 3.6 g/L

**Alcohol:** 13.7%

