



July 2024 Lenné Pick-Up Wine Club

Welcome to the Lenné July 2024 pick-up club release!
This is the first of 3 planned club allocations for 2024.

This release features the last Lenné wine made by Steve Lutz, and the first by our new winemaker, Jared Etzel. Both are excellent, and show the strengths and differences in their respective winemaking styles, as well as the huge variance between the 2021 and 2022 vintages.

2021 Cuvee Constance pinot noir

A new name and a new wine. Back in 2022, Steve Lutz sold the Lenné Vineyard, but at the time, retained the brand. The new owners were going to start a whole new label with the 2022 vintage, but they wanted some variety right from the start, so they commissioned Steve to make a new wine, blended from his choice of 2021 Lenné pinot noirs. This wine was bottled in late 2022 but not labeled until May 2024 once our new logo was finalized, and it's a fantastic one-off that exemplifies our founding winemaker's style

The Cuvee Constance was created by taking wine from the tanks of seven of our other 2021 pinots, just before they were bottled. It contains:

- * 21.43% Lenné Estate
- * 14.29% Eleanor's 114 Dijon clone
- * 14.29% Jill's 115 Dijon clone
- * 14.29% Karen's Pommard clone
- * 14.29% Kill Hill
- * 14.29% South Slope Select
- * 7.14% LeNez pinot noir

This wine shows bold fruit notes and profiles as one of our biggest 2021 pinots. That vintage was an excellent one, with a hot summer forging bold, fruit-forward wines from a large fruit set. This wine is excellent now, with dark jammy fruit notes and a rich mouthfeel. It will gain considerable complexity and balance if given a few years bottle aging.

2022 Lenné Willamette Valley blend

The first Lenné wine made by Jared Etzel.

The 2022 WV Lenné is comprised of the Lenné Vineyard, Star Dance, and Star Mooring Vineyards. It is our most approachable and elegant cuvee of the 2022 vintage.

The Lenné vineyard always produces powerful and concentrated wines and contributes blue and black fruit and depth to the blend. The Star Dance vineyard is a very cool and elegant site which brings high tone floral elements to the cuvee. The Star Mooring vineyard provides a deep mineral element and red tone fruits.

The wine was fermented by native yeast, aged 12 months in 30% new French oak barrels, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. It is a very fresh, balanced and accessible cuvee that doesn't require a long cellaring or decanting to reach its prime drinking window.

I had a great time blending this wine, bringing the strengths of each of these vineyards together to produce a harmonious and very expressive blend.

The 2022 vintage was very challenging. The year began cold and wet, with an unseasonal snow storm in late April. Cloudy and cool weather persisted into early July, at which point the grapes were an alarming six weeks behind their usual ripening pace. Thankfully the Summer exploded from there, with record heat in August and September. A dry and warm October allowed the grapes to finally gain enough ripeness to make great wine, and we picked 4 weeks later than usual.

Wines in this release:	
2021 Cuvee Constance	\$75
2022 WV Blend pinot noir	\$50
3rd wine, user choice!	
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2021 Lenné Estate pinot noir	\$50

- Rootstock Club = 10% discount
- Founders' Club = 15% discount
- Taproot Silver Club = 15% discount
- Deeprout Club = 30% discount