

Lenné Spring 2025 Shipping Club

Welcome to the Lenné 2025 Spring shipping wine club! This release features six great Lenné pinot noirs, three 2021s by our founding winemaker Steve Lutz, and three 2022s by our new winemaker Jared Etzel.

Total 6b price = \$355 retail.

- ❖ Club 10% off (6b) = \$319.50 + \$25 shipping = \$344.50
- ❖ Club 20% off (12b) = \$568 (free shipping & order can be customized)



2021 Lenné LeNez pinot noir, \$45 retail

“Le Nez” means “the nose” in French, and it is pronounced “le-neh,” a pun on our winery name. Our founding winemaker Steve Lutz termed the LeNez our “infant” pinot noir. It’s typically our most approachable wine, a bit lighter and more red-fruited than our biggest pinots. That said, 2021 was an exceptional vintage, and this is a very bold LeNez, blended from 65% Pommard, 15% Dijon 667, 10% Dijon 114, and 10% Dijon 115.

2021 Lenné Karen’s Pommard PN, \$60 retail

This wine came from the best 6 barrels of our Pommard fruit from the 2021 vintage. Dark-fruited and hearty, with notes of blackberry, blueberry, and dark chocolate. The higher elevation sourcing creates minerality and a tangy, fine-grained tannic finish. Bottle age up to a decade to see the real texture and character emerge.

Named after Karen, Lenné’s co-founder and the daughter of “Lenny” the distinguished gentleman

on our original label, We always joke and say she is “the Karen,” not “a Karen!”

2021 Lenné Eleanor’s pinot noir, \$60 retail

Dijon 114 is one of the lighter pinot noir clones grown in the Willamette Valley, but the Lenné vineyard always produces bolder-than-average wines, and this one is no exception. Like all of our 2021s, this wine is dark-fruited and hearty, with aromatics of violets and honey, flavors of black raspberry and cherry, and a dusty, herbal finish.

Eleanor’s was named after the mother of Steve Lutz, our founding winemaker.

2022 Lenné Willamette Valley blend, \$50

2022 was a tricky vintage; cold and wet early, before a long, hot summer. Our new winemaker Jared Etzel directed extended barrel aging for all of our 2022 pinots, and the year+ these wines spent in French oak paid huge dividends. While most 2022 Willamette Valley pinots are a bit thin in the mouthfeel, our 2022 Lenné PNs are richly textured.

Herbal aromatics with notes of anise and violets. Tart, mouth-watering minerality, with musk melon, peach, and butterscotch, before a fine tannic finish.

The fruit in this wine comes from Lenné vineyard, Stardance vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, and Case Vineyard in the Chehalem Mountains AVA. All great vineyards, but since they are in 2 different AVAs, we call this one a “WV” blend.

2022 Lenné Star Dance vineyard pinot noir, \$70

Star Dance is a Yamhill-Carlton vineyard located 5 miles northwest of Lenné Estate. High elevation, peavine soil, the Pommard clone plus 3 Dijon clones gives it a very similar vibe to Lenné’s boldest pinot noirs. Richly textured with notes of blueberry, olives, and anise. Firm minerality on the finish.

2022 Lenné Case vineyard pinot noir, \$70

The last of our 2022 pinots to debut, this wine is sourced from Case vineyard in the Chehalem Mountains AVA, located about 10 miles east of Lenné.

Dense, rich, and dark, with floral aromatics and piquant fruit notes of red currants and boysenberry. Earthy and herbal on the finish. We think this wine will age amazingly well, and recommend waiting a few years to pull the cork.

Lenné Winemaker Comparison

Steve Lutz made Lenné wines through the 2021 vintage. Steve's goal was the biggest, boldest, fruitiest pinot noir possible, designed for lengthy bottle aging. He inoculated commercial yeast into the fermentation tanks for a more rapid fermentation, and typically barreled with a higher % of new oak to create pinot noir that showed very fruity and full-bodied when young. Steve strongly recommends bottle aging at least 3 years, and thinks they hit their prime 8+ years after bottling. See his vintage chart on our website for drinking/aging recommendations.

Jared Etzel took over as Lenné's winemaker in the 2022 vintage. Jared's approach is to craft fruit-forward and bold wines with exceptional balance. He uses native yeast for a more gradual fermentation process, varies the barreling time from vintage to vintage, and bottles the wine unfiltered/unfiltered, which creates a richer mouthfeel and texture. Jared feels his wines are beautiful and balanced right out of the barrel, and they will only grow richer and denser with bottle aging time.



Vintage Rundown

2021. Bright acidity with rich, dark fruit. An all time vintage with bold, fruit-forward wines.

"Even ripening and moderate weather produced a classic Oregon Pinot Noir vintage. The wines are full of bright cherry and chocolate notes, and are very drinkable even now. They are moderate in color but full of juicy cherry and mocha notes with gorgeous texture. You can drink all these wines tonight and enjoy them but they will age well over a decade. The Sad Jack is the best we have ever produced."

--Steve Lutz, winemaker

2022. The most challenging growing year since 2011. A cold Spring culminated with several inches of snow in late April. May & June continued dank, and by mid-July the vines were 6 weeks behind their usual ripening pace. Thankfully, when Summer arrived, it kicked in the door. We saw a record number of days above 90° during August and September, and we had unusually warm and dry weather through mid-October. We harvested the grapes Oct 18-21st, about a month later than usual.

The fruit that ripened was very good. Unfortunately a lot of the berries did not fertilize (*millerandage*) during the cold and wet Spring, and we also suffered some powdery mildew due to the damp. We used only the best of the fruit, leaving over half the vineyard unharvested, and supplemented our Estate fruit with purchases from two other premium vineyards in the Yamhill-Carlton and nearby Chehalem Mountains AVA.

2023. A great vintage, with moderately hot temps and plenty of sun, much like 2021. Lenné wines are 100% estate fruit in the 2023 vintage, and early tasters have found them remarkably fruity and enticing. (We shared the 2023 South Slope as a mystery pour at our wine club pickup party in late July, and the feedback was glowing.) Look forward to two or three wines from this vintage in our Fall 2025 wine club release.