



# UNCORKED BY THE SEA

**Cellar Club November 2024**



## **2022 Patricia Green Reserve Pinot Noir- Willamette Valley, Oregon**

The Willamette Valley is a pastoral, mixed landscape of green, bucolic rolling hills, dramatic forest lands and small, independent, friendly wine growers. The valley has some of the nation's most protective land use policies, with two-thirds of its vineyards farmed sustainably and over half, organically. The valley claims a cool, continental climate, heavily influenced by the cold, moist winds of the Pacific Ocean, but its warm and dry summers allow for the steady, even ripening of Pinot noir. Patty Green and Jim Anderson started Patricia Green Cellars in the area that became the Ribbon Ridge AVA. The winery was built on the idea that great vineyards in Oregon could produce uniquely excellent wines if people dedicated themselves to the farming and winemaking necessary to do so. The Willamette Valley Pinot Noir bottling "Reserve" is almost entirely made up of barrels that simply were not included in a more prestigious bottling. It is vividly fruit-focused with a burst of crushed raspberries, lavender and peppery rose. Silky and sleek, this mixes tart red berries with hints of spicy citrus carried over a core of zesty acidity. This tapers off with steely minerality and palpable with silty tannins that add a pleasantly tactile feel. Vinous 91 PTS

Pairings: Whether you prefer light or dark turkey meat, they are equally delicious with this Pinot Noir. The Pinot's tangy berry notes are just like adding a bite of cranberry sauce. Pinot is also perfect with salmon, venison, seasoned lamb, and game hen,

## **2022 Knights Bridge KB Estate Chardonnay- Sonoma, California**

A small and picturesque valley separating Napa Valley on its south border and Alexander Valley to its north, Knights Valley excels in similar varietals. The circadian cooling effects of the nearby Pacific Ocean create a nighttime respite for vineyards during the hot growing season. In 2006, several close-knit family members discovered 50 acres of hillside vineyards in Knights Valley, the perfect spot to produce exceptional Chardonnay. Knights Bridge vineyard is nestled on the pristine west side of Knights Valley, the warmest appellation in Sonoma County. It was here that the family decided to create Knights Bridge Winery with the singular goal of producing world-class wines. The 2022 Chardonnay displays a beautifully defined thread of acidity that makes this perfect for food pairing. Barrel fermented in 20% new French oak, it offers up enticing aromas of beeswax, lemon peel and kaffir lime. The palate is vibrant with flavors of Meyer lemon, chamomile honey and fresh croissants. This wine remains crisp through the finish and is easy to enjoy in all seasons.

Pairings: Pair Chardonnay with your turkey, the wine's crisp acidity, mineral undertones, and fruit-forward nature bring out the best that turkey has to offer. Try chicken pot pie, fettuccini Alfredo, salmon, tuna, halibut or shellfish such as lobster, steamers, fried clams, and crab.