

Strings

"There is geometry in the humming of the strings, there is music in the spacing of the spheres" Pythagoras

Until bottling was nigh, I was torn about making a Strings because of the significance of the vintage to Hope Well. As the months wore on, to my surprise, the very barrel that held the 2019 Strings (now a 3-year-old barrel) yet again harbored a story that couldn't be blended. Throughout this transition, I have often been reminded of the tiny spiders that, upon hatching, are caught by the wind, their first string belayed behind them, across vast distances and with great danger at every turn. The sheer beauty of their silk catching light and their instinct to guide them was in my mind every time I opened this barrel. So sure to land exactly as she should.

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Hope Well 2021 Pinot Noir
Eola-Amity Hills

Harvested October 1, 2021
100% Pinot Noir
100% organically farmed
Aged in French oak barrique
Alcohol 13.8%, pH 3.71, TA 5.0 g/L
50 six-bottle cases produced
Label image: Araneus diadematus web

Vintage 2021

*'New beginnings are often disguised
as painful endings' ~Lao Tzu*

So, you will hear the usual words about the 2021 vintage: growing degree days, heat dome, early harvest, high quality, mmmmmmm.....and those words are fine. But they do not belong to this story. That it was the last harvest for me at 12345 Oak Road (seriously, that was the address) was an abstraction. There could be no greater reward for all the work we did on that land than what we were gifted in parting: our most generous harvest ever brought to ripe perfection.

The wines made from those moments in our hands were imbued with the very special energy of *beginnings that start with endings*. Listen close, closer. Close your eyes. Come along. We're just beginning.