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2021 Le Rouleur Pinot Noir

Winery Name: GC Wines

Owner/Winemaker: John Grochau

Associate Winemaker: Aurelien Labrosse

Year Founded: 2002

Winery Location: In the Eola-Amity Hills above Amity, Oregon (Willamette Valley)

About: GC Wines Founder John Grochau made his way to wine organically, starting first in fine dining restaurants in Portland, namely the legendary Higgins, and learning to make wine under the guidance of Willamette Valley greats. In 2002, he founded Grochau Cellars, his eponymous wine label, where he could explore the production of food-friendly wines reminiscent of place. More than twenty years later, John has become well known in the Oregon wine industry as a friend, compatriot and community builder. He has lent his expertise to countless winemaking endeavors and prioritized strong relationships with growers across the state. After reflecting on more than two decades in the business, he shortened the name to GC Wines to reflect the brand's evolution from one person's dream to a dream realized and a much bigger family.

Vineyards: Witness Tree Vineyard, (Eola-Amity) 34%
Bjornson Vineyard, (Eola-Amity) 15%
Vivid Vineyard, (Eola-Amity) 16%
Yamhill Springs Vineyard, (Yamhill-Carlton) 25%
Carlton Hill Vineyard, (Yamhill-Carlton) 10%

Case Production: 505 cases.

Vintage: The 2021 vintage was a unique growing season in the Willamette Valley. The year started much the same as it has for twenty years, with bud break beginning in mid-April. The summer was hotter and dryer than usual, with new record high temperatures in the Willamette Valley. Despite the intense heat, we picked grapes with balanced sugars and acids, giving us wine that is immediately charming, with vibrant fruit and supple textures.

Winemaking: A blend of 5 different vineyards in the Willamette Valley. The intent behind the Le Rouleur, is to create a wine that shows a bit more power and intensity than the Commuter Cuvée. We ferment with 25% whole cluster, and aged the wine for 10 months in 25% new French oak. Rouleur, is a cycling term that means "all-rounder." These are riders, who can serve any number of roles, but they are the ones who pull a lead rider to victory.



