LEGENDS OF STAG HOLLOW

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Stag Hollow is open for wine tastings ***by appointment*** *Saturdays and Sundays*

Greetings friends of Stag Hollow,
Crossroads moment for Stag Hollow. Over the next 14 months we will be releasing four new wines from our final vintage of winemaking, 2024, and three additional wines from previous vintages. They include 2024 Pinot Noir *Reserve*, Tempranillo, Tempranillo-Pinot blend (*Moment in Time*), and Dolcetto *Rosato Brut Méthode Champenoise;* plus 2022 Dolcetto *'d Yamhill*, and 2021 & 2023 dry Muscat. After 30+ years of winemaking we are down-shifting gears at Stag Hollow (and in our lives) but are *far from* shutting off the engine and turning over the keys. Of the key steps in producing wine: (1) growing and harvesting grapes; (2) fermenting, aging and bottling; and (3) selling, we are winding down the first two steps to focus on selling wine inventory for several years to come. As we see it, bringing steps 1 and 2 to a close is a prerequisite to *slowly transition* to a desired, more relaxed lifestyle. We appreciate your enthusiastic support through the years and look forward to continuing to provide quality Stag Hollow wines during our wine journey of scaling down🥃.

We enjoy traveling in the fall. We hoped our trip last year in October to south-central Italy, our first major foreign foray in a while, would jump start a new annual fall tradition. However, in April, when it came time to plan for fall travel, happenings worldwide didn't quite feel right, on edge (e.g., jet fuel shortages, ongoing international conflicts). So, we deferred international travels to '27, sought out a modest local adventure instead, and settled on a place that's been on our bucket list for a long time: Wallowa Mountains in the remote northeast corner of Oregon. No frills yurt camping with pooch (Tinto) at the picturesque, glacial-formed Wallowa Lake and hiking in Eagle Cap Wilderness decorated in fall colors refreshed the soul to the beauty in nature. Tinto saw his first fox and splashed about in a frigid, boulder-strewn subalpine creek at 6000'—and loved it.

Once again, it's holiday wine tasting time. We invite you to join us at one (or all) of the three *different* tastings scheduled on eight dates listed below. Tastings are free for Club members and two guests. If you are unable to visit us in person, we can ship your holiday wines (see pages 3 for details). Our annual holiday tastings are a great time to sample and stock up on Stag Hollow wines for the holidays, gifts, entertaining, or just hunkering down for the winter sipping Stag Hollow wines.

Holiday Season Tasting Schedule

November 14 & 15 (Saturday & Sunday 12:00 to 4:30)
November 21 & 22 (Saturday & Sunday 12:00 to 4:30)
November 27 & 28 (Friday & Saturday 12:00 to 4:30)
December 5 & 6 (Saturday & Sunday 12:00 to 4:30)

***One-hour tasting *appointments* until 3:00**
****Walk-ins welcome arriving anytime between 3:00-4:30***

To make an **appointment**, call or text 503-662-5609 or email sales@staghollow.com. Please make reservations as soon as feasible. Information can be accessed at **Staghollow.com.** For non-club members or other guests, tastings are $25 per person reimbursed with purchases of $100 or more per person.

Holiday Season Tastings

November 14 & 15
Stag Hollow Club wines $20 & under + Reserve Pinot Noir debut release and Tempranillo Futures
2024 Pinot Noir *Reserve* (debut release--final Pinot; **new in 2026**)
2024 Tempranillo Futures (final Tempranillo; **new**)
2019 Pinot Noir *Yamhill-Carlton*
2020 Pinot Noir *Willamette Valley*
2019 Dolcetto *d' Yamhill* (Sale: **additional 30% off Club price**)
2020 Tempranillo (Sale: **additional 20% off Club price**)
2021 *Field Blend* (Pinot Noir/Tempranillo—final Field Blend)
NV *Oregon Red Blend II* (Dolcetto + ~5% Pinot Noir)
2023 Dolcetto dry *Rosato* (Sale: **additional 30% off Club price**)
2023 Dolcetto dry *Rosato Frizzante*-Ancestral Method
2020 dry Muscat (**new in 2026**)

November 21 & 22 and November 27 & 28
Pre- and Post- Thanksgiving--Six Pinot Noir and More
Pinot Noirs not to miss
2024 Pinot Noir *Reserve* (debut release--final Pinot; **new in 2026**)
2021 Pinot Noir *Reserve*
2021 Pinot Noir *Yamhill-Carlton* (**new in 2026**)
Revisiting Library Pinot Noirs
2006 Pinot Noir *Reserve* (20-yr old cellar selection—limit 2 per family)
2018 Pinot Noir *Reserve 777/114*
2016 Pinot Noir Reserve (Library Sale; **additional 15% off Club price**)
Traditional Bubbles and Rosato
2021 Dolcetto *Rosato Brut* (Sale: **additional 15% off Club price**)
2023 Dolcetto dry *Rosato* (Sale: **additional 30% off Club price**)
Superiores
2018 Dolcetto *d' Yamhill Superiore*
2021Dolcetto *d' Yamhill Superiore*
Tempranillo Futures
2024 Tempranillo Futures (final Tempranillo; **new**)

December 5 & 6
Highlighting Tempranillo & Dolcetto (+new 2024 Pinot Reserve)
Tantalizing Tempranillos
2015 Tempranillo (library selection; our favorite Tempranillo—limit 2)
2020 Tempranillo (Sale: **additional 20% off Club price**)
2021 Tempranillo (Aging moment has arrived!)
2024 Tempranillo Futures (final Tempranillo; **new**)
Dolcetto Rosy & Ruby
2021 Dolcetto *Rosato Brut* (Sale: **additional 15% off Club price**)
2023 Dolcetto dry *Rosato* (Sale: **additional 30% off Club price**)
NV *Oregon Red Blend II* (Dolcetto + ~5% Pinot Noir)
2019 Dolcetto *d' Yamhill* (Sale: **additional 30% off Club price**)
Muscato

2020 dry Muscat (**new in 2026**)

Pinot Noir Reserve

2024 Pinot Noir *Reserve* (debut release--final Pinot; **new in 2026**)
2016 Pinot Noir *Reserve* (Library Sale: **additional 15% off Club price**)

2024 Vintage

We continue to be baffled by the climate of the 2024 vintage: with such an odd set of weather conditions, how did we end up with such wonderful wines? July was the hottest on record for several weather stations. For example, Salem experienced 13 days in a row 90 degrees and above with 6 days 100 degrees or more. Temperatures in August and the first half of September were well above average too. It didn't seem like the slightly cooler than normal March through May and second half of September was enough to counterbalance the summer heat. For us, however, much credit for the quality of 2024 wines is due to the extended hang time before harvest. The droughty summer combined with our high-density planting of Pinot Noir seemed to slow down ripening considerably. We were able to let the grapes hang until Oct 6-8 when we harvested all red grapes as evening temperatures dipped into the mid 40s. Tasting the grapes during this final stretch, especially the skins, revealed a remarkable increase in flavor complexity that we extracted into the wines through long fermentations under cool temperatures that also added texture and richness.

2024 Pinot Noir *Reserve*

At this stage of development, our 2024 Pinot Noir *Reserve* does not have a vintage that parallels it closely. The 2024 seemingly has flavor and style elements found in early stages of our 2005s and 2008s. A clonal blend of primarily Dijon 777, 114, 115, and 667, Colmar 538, and Pommard, our 2024 Pinot *Reserve* is showing balance of acidity, fruit, and depth of flavors. Barrel aged for 18 months—six months longer than usual--in one to three-year-old Francois Feres barrels (no new oak!) to highlight the alluring cherry-like fruit character, our 2024 has a long finish and aging potential. Yet, it is in short supply. For those who missed purchasing this wine on futures over the last six months, we are almost sold out of our final Stag Hollow Pinot Noir. As of this writing, there are only 13 cases remaining. We have earmarked 10 of these cases to purchases of 6 btl allotments at $288/half case (=$48/btl) and 3 cases to purchases of up to 3 bottles at $59/bottle (i.e., 3 bottle limit)…until they last. Pre-ordering purchases to be acquired later or shipped is fine.

Futures Pickup

Pick up of 2024 Pinot *Reserve* futures, as well as the 2023 Tempranillo futures, is available beginning November 14.

2024 Tempranillo

Debut time for 2024 Tempranillo, which we have been eagerly awaiting. One more great wine from 2024 vintage. Like the Pinot, our 2024 Tempranillo is limited production and final wine of its type (33 cases made). The 2024 Tempranillo is reminiscent of our 2015—our favorite Tempranillo, which at this stage 9 years ago showed youthful tannins, ++depth, and hearty fruit flavors that pointed towards a great wine but took several years to mellow. The 2024 leads with delicious blueberry and blackberry fruit notes and some tannins around the edges; these flavors continue as the wine finishes with toasted oak and cedar notes that will mellow and integrate with time. Even though production is limited, we are offering the 2024 Tempranillo at our usual discounted futures pricing at $156 for 6 btls (=$26/btl) and $294 for 12 btls (=$24.50/btl). Smaller quantities can be purchased at our 2027 spring Holiday tastings, if still available. We'll be pouring the 2024 Tempranillo at all 8 of our Holiday tastings and paired with our 2015 on December 5 and 6--priced at $55/btl, limit 2/family.

Celebrating 40th Year of Growing Grapes

To commemorate our 40-year grape milestone, all Stag Hollow Club member wines are priced 25% off. Wines on sale are discounted from the Club price to boot!

Wines on Sale

2023 Dolcetto dry *Rosato.* This dark-colored pink wine is a hearty-style, analogous to how wines are made in Tavel in the southern Rhone and Bandol in Provence. Our Dolcetto *Rosato* will age gracefully for several more years, but let's enjoy it near term at its peak. On sale for $8.90/btl at Club price ($106.80/case), everyone should be taking a case of the *Rosato* home. Rare find for price/quality and an excellent choice for holiday entertaining and pairing with winter soups.

2019 Dolcetto *d'Yamhill.* And the same goes for our 2019 Dolcetto *d'Yamhill* that is also on sale at 30% off Club price, $9.95/btl. Such a deal. This delectable Dolcetto always has been in the shadows of our very popular 2017 and then 2018 Dolcetto d' Yamhill Superiore. Life being dynamic as it is, this wine was released and sold during the COVID years when we were barely open for sales; this resulted in too much backlogged inventory. The 2019 is a hidden treasure awaiting.

2020 Tempranillo. Wait, wait, and then wait some more; that was the game plan in 2020. We pushed the pause button on harvesting for nearly three weeks after the smoke cleared. Patiently waiting out two rainy periods in late September, totaling over 2 inches, and a drying period in early October, we finally harvested our Tempranillo grapes on October 6. Our strategy was to let Mother Nature cleanse the effects of the wildfire smoke as best it can to enhance wine quality? Did this make a difference? We think so. Reviewers have noted that quality in 2020 was linked to harvest timing (!) and location (Stag Hollow is distant from the major fires that burned more than a million acres in the Cascades). Now, with a few more years of bottle aging, it's time to revisit this Tempranillo; it is rich, full-bodied with savory acidity. On sale, our 2020 Tempranillo is an exceptional value at $19.20/btl (25% off Club price).

2021 Stag Hollow Dolcetto *Rosato Brut.* Compared to other *Méthode Champenoise* sparklers produced in Oregon, we consider our 2021 an exceptional value at just $28.00/blt at Club price. With our 2024 Dolcetto *Rosato Brut* waiting in the wings to be released Spring 2027, we are making room for the 2024 sparkler by placing the 2021 on sale at $22.30/btl (15% off Club price). That is $12.70 off the retail price of this popular fruit-driven dry sparkler: the best price ever.

2016 Pinot Noir *Reserve.* We often do a deep dive into our library of older wines for the Holiday season tastings to offer one on sale. At the upcoming tastings, we are featuring the 2016 Pinot Noir *Reserve* at $36.95/btl, 15% off Club price. Opportunity knocks to purchase this 10-year-old Stag Hollow Pinot Noir for holiday gatherings with friends and family or gifts at a price that is a fraction of the price of reserve-level wines offered elsewhere in the Willamette Valley. Happy Holidays🎄.

Holiday Season Tastings

Stag Hollow Club wines $20 & under

On November 14 & 15, nine different wines for $20 & under at Stag Hollow Club prices will be available to taste. Seeking value wines that over-deliver for their price? Try this line up of Stag Hollow value wines and take home one or two mixed cases or more that sing to you. Price is right.

Pre- and Post- Thanksgiving Tastings: Pinot Illuminations

On November 21, 22, 27, & 28, we are featuring two trios of pinots. One trio is recent releases, including a showdown between two 2021s: our value-driven *Yamhill-Carlton* and the *Reserve,* plus the new 2024 *Reserve.* The other trio includes a set of "Reserve" Library wines to experience how they are aging: the 2006 at $85/btl- limit 2 per family, 2016 (on sale), and 2018 777/114, a slow-evolving wine that is now ready for showtime.

Tempranillo & Dolcetto Spotlight

On December 6 and 7, Tempranillo takes center stage when we pour a vertical of 2015, 2020, 2021, and the new 2024 Tempranillo as a futures pour. If you have not tasted the 2021 in a while, you will be surprised how this wine has developed: tannins have mellowed, exposing a big wine with palate-coasting flavors of blackberry and red fruits that linger. Truly a classic Tempranillo. Accompanying the Tempranillos are a collection of dolcetto-based wines, three that are on sale: 2021 sparkler, 2023 *Rosato*, and 2019 Dolcetto *d'Yamhill*, plus our recent release of the dolcetto based Oregon Red Blend II. Pours of the new release, 2024 Pinot Noir *Reserve*, and the 2016 Pinot Noir *Reserve* (on sale) round out this tasting event.

Club Membership

Annual purchases of $100 or more of Stag Hollow wines renews your Club membership each year. Club members receive 25% discounts on all wines in current inventory. New members, after purchasing $100 of wine, automatically receive the full membership discount for one year.

Shipping

Shipping continues to seem like a game of Twister. For the good news, we've found a new shipping vendor that can ship wine to about 2/3s of US. Meanwhile, shipping prices continue to fluctuate like a commodity, but always up. Though we'd like to continue with some type of free shipping at a fixed-purchase-level, doing so has become untenable due to fuel surchargers and the logistics of "Where's Waldo" with shifting shipping rates. So, we are changing our approach to a shared fixed rate to simplify matters and get us out of the red on shipping costs. For this new shared fixed rate, we estimate on average we'll be paying ~65% of the shipping costs (i.e., shipping materials, delivery to shipper, insurance, and charges from the shipper). Customer fixed-rate-costs to ship up to a case of wine to states in the Pacific Time Zone is $35 (i.e., $2.90/btl/case); Mountain: $45; Central: $55: and East: $65. We can ship to all states in the Pacific and Mountain Time Zones except Utah. For the Central and Eastern Time Zones, which states we can ship becomes far more complicated. Check postings on our website for the shipping options in your state. We coordinate shipping when you are available for receiving shipments and determine the most suitable weather to ship. We also ship to package stores that hold packages so you can pick up shipments when it is convenient within a 5-day window. For shipping assistance contact us at 503-662-5609, or by email: sales@staghollow.com.

News Briefs

Wildlife Cam First. Elk! Two elder bulls with huge racks were caught on cam about two weeks apart at night in August.

Pinot Noir Vines. Did you know the average age of a vineyard when it's replaced is 35 years, according to a scientific committee tasked with determining minimum vine-age (36) to be labeled as "old vines" in Europe. Our pinot vines made it to 35; then ongoing declining yields, vine diseases, and increases in manual labor costs associated with a high-density vineyard hit a point where we had little choice but to begin removing vines. Thirty-one vintages of awesome Pinot Noirs—no laments.

Pinot Noir Vintage Chart--2026

Our 2024 *Reserve* is the only new addition to the Pinot Noir Vintage Chart this year. We held off until this newsletter to designate a drink range for the 2023 Pinot Noir *Reserve.* This wine continues to have some tannins that need bottle aging to mellow. With its big rich fruit, the 2023 can be consumed near term, however it will benefit from 2-3 years of aging before starting to open a bottle every year or two. We added many slight adjustments to our new edition of the Vintage Chart. See underlining in the chart notes.

After tasting several bottles, we've decided that we lost a bro: the1995 *Vendange Selection*, rated one of the top wines of the vintage by Clive Coats, has gone beyond its life cycle. Still drinkable, the wine has lost too much fruit character to balance out the alcohol. Meanwhile, we've had bottles of the 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005 pinots with friends and family at restaurants and celebrations; all were tasting terrific. If you have any of these older vintages in your cellar, don't hesitate to uncork as they are still peaking. Turning to more recent vintages, customers have been emailing on how they are enjoying wines from the 2014 and 2015 vintages. Finally, wait on the 2022 *Reserve*, needs more time. *Salute!*

Pinot Noir Vintage Chart 2002-2024

Vintage	Wine	Drink Range
2002	Vendange Sélect.	now & beyond (still awesome)
2004	Vendange Sélect.	now
2005	Vendange Sélect.	now (2005s all-time favs)
2012	Vendange Sélect.	now
2014	Vendange Sélect.	now to 2028
2015	Vendange Sélect.	now to 2030
2016	Vendange Sélect.	now to 2030
2017	Vendange Sélect.	now to 2032
2018	Vendange Sélect.	now to 2034
2002	Reserve	now (ditto on 2002 comment above)
2004	Reserve	now
2005	Reserve	now (2005s all-time favs)
2008	Reserve	now
2009	Reserve	now
2012	Reserve	now
2014	Reserve	now to 2029
2015	Reserve	now
2016	Reserve	now
2017	Reserve	now to 2030
2018	Reserve	now to 2031
2019	Reserve	now to 2029
2020	Reserve	now to 2029
2021	Reserve	now to 2032
2022	Reserve	2027 to 2031(likely will age longer)
2023	Reserve	2028 to 2033
2024	Reserve	2028 to 2033
2004	Reserve-777/114	now
2005	Reserve-777/114	now (2005s all-time favs)
2008	Reserve 777/114	now
2009	Reserve 777/114	now
2014	Reserve 777/114	now
2018	Reserve 777/114	now to 2030
2014	Yamhill-Carlton	now
2015	Yamhill-Carlton	now
2018	Yamhill-Carlton	now to 2030
2019	Yamhill-Carlton	now to 2030
2021	Yamhill-Carlton.	now to 2032

[Underlining signifies change since the previous Vintage Chart. Now refers to drinking well now. Wines that should have been consumed by now are not listed]

See you at the vineyard tasting room. ***Cheers, Jill and Mark***

Stag Hollow Price List November 2026 thru April 2027						
Your order	Year/Grape Type	Wine Name	Regular btl price	Sale btl price	Club btl price (25% off regular or sale price)	Standard discounts off regular price 6-11 btls = -10% 12 or more = -15% Prices calculated at checkout
	Current Inventory					**Notes**
	2020 Muscat	**Dry**	**$17.00**		**$12.75**	***Recent Release-***
	2021 Dolcetto (Rosy)	**Rosato Brut (Dry) Sparkler - Méthode Champenoise**	**$35.00**	**$29.75**	**$22.30**	***Making space for new sparkler--Sale 15% off***
	2023 Dolcetto (Rosy)	**Rosato Frizzante (Dry)**	**$25.00**		**$18.75**	***Ancestral Method***
	2023 Dolcetto (Rosy)	**Rosato (Dry)**	**$17.00**	**$11.90**	**$8.90**	***End of Lot Sale 30% off***
	2021 Dolcetto (Ruby)	**d'Yamhill Superiore**	**$27.00**		**$20.25**	**Recent Release**
	2019 Dolcetto (Ruby)	**d'Yamhill**	**$19.00**	**$13.30**	**$9.95**	***Inventory Reduction Sale 30% off***
	2018 Dolcetto (Ruby)	**d'Yamhill Superiore**	**$27.00**		**$20.25**	**Among our finest to**
	2024 Tempranillo	**Futures (6 btl)**	**New**			**$156 ($26/btl)**
	2024 Tempranillo	**Futures (12 btl)**	**New**			**$294 ($24.50/btl)**
	2023 Tempranillo		**$35.00**		**$26.25**	**Recent Release**
	2021 Tempranillo		**$35.00**		**$26.25**	**Awesome--full-**
	2020 Tempranillo		**$32.00**	**$25.60**	**$19.20**	***25% off Sale***
	2019 Tempranillo		**$32.00**		**$24.00**	**Smooth & bright acidity**
	2018 Reserve Blend (Pinot-Tempranillo)	**Moment In Time II**	**$42.00**		**$31.50**	**Truly a moment in time**
	2021 Red Blend (Pinot-Tempranillo)	**Field Blend**	**$18.75**		**$14.05**	**Exceptional Value** (Final Field Blend--almost
	Red Blend (Dolcetto-Pinot; 12.9% Alc!)	**Oregon Red Blend II**	**$15.00**		**$11.25**	**Likewise**
	2020 Pinot Noir	**Willamette Valley**	**$19.50**		**$14.60**	**Excellent value**
	2021 Pinot Noir	**Yamhill-Carlton**	**$27.00**		**$20.25**	**Recent Release**
	2019 Pinot Noir	**Yamhill-Carlton**	**$25.00**		**$18.75**	**Old world style; delectable**
	2018 Pinot Noir	**Yamhill-Carlton**	**$27.00**		**$20.25**	**New world style; big and rich**
	2024 Pinot Noir	**Reserve** (6 btl price and	**New**		**Club**	**$288 ($48/btl)**
	2024 Pinot Noir	**Reserve** (btl price)	**$59.00**		**n/a**	**New (3 btl limit)**
	2023 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$55.00**		**$41.25**	**Recent Release**
	2022 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$55.00**		**$41.25**	
	2021 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$55.00**		**$41.25**	
	2020 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$50.00**		**$37.50**	
	Library Wines					`
	2018 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$59.00**		**$44.25**	
	2018 Pinot Noir	**Reserve 777/114**	**$59.00**		**$44.25**	
	2016 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$58.00**	**$49.30**	**$36.95**	**Library Selection Sale 15% off**
	2012 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$69.00**		**$51.75**	**Inventory: 4 cases**
	2006 Pinot Noir	**Reserve**	**$82.00**	**Thru Dec**	**n/a**	**20 yrs old-Limit 2/family**
	2015 Tempranillo		**$55.00**	**Thru Dec**	**n/a**	**11 yrs old-Limit 2/family**

Club Membership. Purchases of >$100 of Stag Hollow wines during the current year establishes and renews annual membership for the year in our obligation-free Wine Club--if we have a current street mailing and email addresses. Easy!