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WINES

2021 Joyride Sparkling Rosé

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: John Grochau was first introduced to wine and the winemaking landscape in his early 20s, while racing bicycles for a French team in the Loire Valley. After ten years in restaurants and four years working in wineries, he started GC Wines in 2002. The goal has always been to make wines that are balanced, textured and expressive of place. Inspired by the diversity of the Willamette Valley's soils and microclimates, we source grapes from more than twenty vineyards from all around the Willamette Valley. While Pinot Noir is our focus, we are always pushing in new directions and exploring new varieties that include Gamay Noir, Melon de Bourgogne and Trousseau. We constantly experiment with new fermentation and aging techniques to create unique expressions of a variety or to bring some subtle nuance to a larger cuvée.

Vineyards: Festive Hill Vineyard, McMinnville AVA; One Heart Vineyard, South Salem Hills; Van Duzer Vineyard, Van Duzer Corridor AVA.

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: This is more of a "Prosecco" in style, a forced carbonated wine. All stainless steel; 95% Pinot Noir with a 5% addition of 2019 Chardonnay. It is a bright and fruity style with a creamy textured mid palate and acidity that carries across the palate.

Case Production: 200 cases.



