



2008 WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

You are all going to like this Pinot Noir. Besides the raspberry and cherry fruit aromas, this is the first Willamette Pinot I've ever gotten bright boysenberry fruit aromas from! Deep underlying scents of fresh tilled earth and Eastern spice rack further add to the complexity and wonderful smell of this classic Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. The mouth-feel and flavor exceed what one expects from the already enticing smell. This wine has lovely balance for those red fruits wrapped up into a velvet-textured tannin shell. The center of the palate is cherry crème with bright minerality. Enjoy a long lasting finish accented by red cherry and a hint of dark chocolate.

Winemaker's Production Notes

The 2008 growing season was a "late bloomer". A very dry, cold Spring delayed flowering until July rather than the traditional June time frame. August brought needed rainfall - more rain in August than any one month of March, April or May. As usually happens, predicted rain in October was called off, and dry Indian Summer weather took hold. Ripening and picking occurred at a nice even pace. Our last day of picking was October 29th.

Wine Production Stats

Varietals: 100% Oregon Pinot Noir
Vineyards: Lone Star, Knudsen, Stoller
AVA: Willamette Valley
Alcohol: 14.0%
Brix: 22.5-24
Cases produced: 13,573
Bottled: August 2009
Released: February 2010
Winemaker: Rollin Soles



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90 points

Wine Spectator

10/15/2010

“Light and easygoing, with a real transparency to its pretty cherry, currant and guava flavors, mingling effectively with cream and delicate spice notes. This just doesn't quit on the finish. Drink now through 2015.” - Harvey Steiman



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Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Nov 2010

"The 2008 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, medium ruby red, it gives up an enticing nose of cedar, spice box, rose petals, cherry, and raspberry. This is followed by a medium-bodied, ripe, vibrant offering with ample spicy red fruit flavors, good volume and intensity, and a medium-long finish. Drink it over the next 4-6 years."

- Jay Miller (2008 vintage) Issue #191



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