



2009 Pinot Noir RESERVE

Retail Price: \$55

Appellation: Dundee Hills, Oregon

Production: 125 cases, 750ml

Tasting Notes

The nose opens fresh and focused, dominated by black current, sandalwood, pepper and spice aromas. On the second try, dried flowers and subtle floral aromas emerge together with leather, curry and allspice. On the palate you will find blackberry, black currant, lots of spice and woody flavors highlighted by peppermint and sarsaparilla. It is soft and full in the mouth with a velvety, clean finish.

Fermentation and Aging

The stemmed grapes were allowed to cold soak for 24 hours before yeast inoculation. After fermentation the wine was aged for 31 months in barrels (20% new French oak). The six barrels judged capable of the longest aging from the 2009 estate production were chosen for the final blend of the Reserve.

Brix at harvest: 24.5.

Alcohol at bottling: 14.5%; pH: 3.52.

Vintage

2009 was the first vintage that we were able to make our wines in our own winery built next to our vineyards in the Dundee Hills.

The growing season of 2009 was generally warm, with an excellent fruit set that led us to thin aggressively to maintain our quality standards. Extended warm weather in August and September led to a relatively early harvest, with the fruit exhibiting exceptional ripe cherry and blackberry flavors.

The exceptional structure and aromas of the wine led us to extend the time that this wine was aged in barrel prior to bottling. Over 2.5 years in barrel have given the wine a silky texture, and have allowed the oak character to become fully integrated with the other flavors of the wine.

Vineyards

This wine was made exclusively from Pinot noir grapes grown in our Estate vineyard. Located in the Dundee Hills AVA within the Willamette Valley, our 35 acre estate vineyard was established in 1990. South facing, at an elevation of 525-730 ft, the site is ideal for the production of premium wines. Our grapes are hand pruned and harvested, and each vine is visited many times in the course of a season. Truly in the heart of Oregon's wine-country, Winter's Hill is bordered to the East by Domaine Serene, to the South by Stoller Vineyards, and to the North by Vista Hills. The estate has been Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe since 1999. The Pinot noir plantings are made up of several clones, including Pommard, Wadensville, and Dijon clones 114 and 115.

Awards

Gold Medal, 2013 DALLAS MORNING NEWS Wine Competition.

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