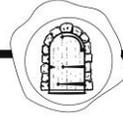


WINTER'S HILL

estate



2012 Pinot Noir

Retail Price: \$39

Appellation: Dundee Hills, Oregon

Production: 250 cases 750ml

Tasting notes

92 Points-The Tasting Panel Magazine

“Lush and juicy with tangy cherry and pure flavors; crisp, racy and bright, long and lively.” -Anthony Dias Blue

Fermentation and Aging

The Pinot noir grapes used in this wine are hand-picked early in the morning while the fruit is still cool. After destemming, the fruit is fermented in small, 1.5 ton open fermenters. The stemmed grapes were allowed to cold soak for 24 hours before yeast inoculation. After fermentation the wine was aged for 24 months in oak barrels, (20% new French oak).

2012 Vintage

Bud break was the 21st of April; spring was cool and wet, but bloom occurred June 23rd, and summer gradually warmed towards more normal levels than the two previous years. A rainy spell during bloom resulted in a light fruit set so we could achieve our yield targets without any crop thinning. This and the dry warm summer meant very low disease pressure and exceptionally clean and ripe fruit at the end of the season. The north Willamette Valley experienced over 100 days without rain at the end of the summer and September was the warmest of record. We began harvesting October 7th and finished on October 18th.

Vineyards

This wine was made exclusively with grapes grown in our Dundee Hills Estate vineyard. South facing, at an elevation of 525-730 ft, the site is ideal for the production of premium Pinot Noir. 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 Jory soil, evolved from 15 million year old basalt flows, contributes the berry flavors and smokiness of our Pinot Noirs. The estate has been Certified Sustainable and SalmonSafe since 1999.

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