

WINE FACT SHEET

2005 VINTAGE RESERVE PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

THE VINEYARD

This is the most recent Vintage Reserve release since our 2001 reserve.

We only make a reserve when a vintage shows exceptional quality and true characteristics of the Pinot Noir grape.

This vintage reserve is hand selected barrels, by our winemaker, of two local vineyard sites. 70% Tuenge Vineyard and 30% Sheppard Vineyard.

Yields were right on target at two tons per acre. The small berries and small clusters possessed intense color and flavors. Look for this wine to be an outstanding cellar candidate with a minimum of ten years aging potential.

This limited production of Pinot Noir has had extended time in French Oak barrels to enhance its inherent character. With a devotion to quality possible only through personal attention, every bottle is made with the philosophy to produce an exquisite hand crafted Pinot Noir.

PRODUCTION

578 cases

TASTING NOTES:

On the palate the wine is supple and round with flavors of smoky fruits and spices. A very nice balance with a wonderful lingering finish.

VINIFICATION

The must was moved to an open top ferment which releases CO2 faster to aerate the wine to enhance fermentation. The wine was left to cold soak for 1 week before fermentation to extract flavors from the skins, this brings out the fruity characters of the grape. After 1 week in the tanks the yeast was then added to begin fermentation.

Two different styles of yeast were used, 60% fermirouge, which creates more body in the wine and 40% Ruby which intensifies the fruit flavors. It was then pressed, settled, and then racked into small French Oak cooperage. These subtle changes that our winemaker has made are to create a more approachable wine at an earlier age and decrease the hard tannin that our earlier vintages had, which can take years in the bottle to mellow. The winery relies primarily on Tonnellerie Remond and Francois Freres for its Pinot Noir barrels. These Burgundian coopers, along with Saury and Sansaud, are utilized to provide the winery with predominately medium-toast barrels from the Nevers, Allier, Borgogne, and Vosges forests.



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