

## NORTH VALLEY WINES

*The Willamette Valley is Oregon's most recognized appellation for cool climate varietal wines, and it is in the Northern part of this region where the finest vineyards are found - an epicenter we refer to as the North Valley - which includes all of the defined sub-appellations (the Dundee Hills, Ribbon Ridge, Yamhill-Carlton, etc.). It is from within this region of rolling hillsides and diverse soils that veteran winegrowers James Cahill and Tony Soter, along with North Valley partners, Brian Sypher and Michelle Soter, source certified sustainable vineyards of real "Cru" quality for these personality-driven wines. Meticulous, hands-on attention to farming practices throughout the growing season from flowering through harvest, and minimal handling in the winery, assures a resulting level of quality normally associated exclusively with estate grown wines - in fact, we think of each vineyard site we work with as if it were a "satellite estate property", as a statement of our genuine commitment to making the best wines we can.*

*100% Dundee Hills  
Certified Sustainable Vineyards*

*Traditional vinification in small, open top  
fermenters with 20% whole cluster fruit*

*Aged in French oak  
33% new, 67% neutral barrels*

*439 cases*

*13.9% alc by vol*

## 2012 NORTH VALLEY PINOT NOIR ORIGIN: DUNDEE HILLS

*We debut our "Origins" series Pinot Noirs from the tremendous 2012 vintage, considered amongst the finest growing seasons in our region's history. This bottling represents vineyard sources exclusively from within the Dundee Hills AVA. Made in very limited quantities, these*

*"Origins" series wines are reflections of the personality-driven, regional characteristics from which they hail. Widely recognized, the "Red Hills of Dundee" have been planted since the late 1960's. Centrally located in the Northern Willamette Valley, this area's Jory series soils are red-hued, iron rich clay loam of volcanic origins.*

*Heady aromas of black cherry, slate and scorched earth are joined by subtle floral tones. Commanding at once on the palate, additional flavors of dark chocolate and brambly underbrush develop. This is a powerful expression of Dundee Hills fruit, rich and velvety on the palate with good grip and acid backbone. Sappy and earthy at once, there is real concentration and density here.*



*"This has a floral bouquet with rose petals infusing the bright red cherry and wild strawberry fruit. There is a slight wet clay scent in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with pure red cherry and cranberry fruit, very well-judged acidity and lovely poise on the finish. This is an excellent Oregon Pinot Noir with elegance and style."*

**92 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE**

*"Polished, generous and focused, offering cherry, pepper and white tea flavors on a smooth, open-textured frame, lingering easily on the persistent finish. Drink now through 2020."*

**91 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR**