

NORTH VALLEY VINEYARDS

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.

*Aged in French oak
40% new, 60% neutral barrels*

*Traditional vinification in small, open top
fermenters with 25% whole cluster fruit*

*42% Ribbon Ridge
20% Yamhill-Carlton
20% Dundee Hills
14% Eola-Amity Hills
4% Willamette Valley
Certified Sustainable Vineyards*

1,592 cases

14% alc by vol



NORTH VALLEY 2014 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

While we did not produce any of our limited production North Valley Vineyards Reserves or Origins wines from the 2013 vintage, we are excited to once again have a full lineup of these gems from the outstanding 2014 harvest. Warm weather throughout a long growing season delivered fully developed, ripe fruit, with especially precocious character. While you can readily "taste the sunshine" in these bottlings from 2014, we are pleased to have crafted very balanced wines that avoid excess. These wines will drink well in their youth, and also evolve beautifully for years to come.

Saturated, red/purple color in the glass. The wine expresses a fresh set of aromatics suggesting Bing cherries, dark chocolate and rose petals, quite charming. Soft and gentle on the palate, we see the aromatic themes expanded to include flavors of kirsch and red delicious apple peel. A truly lovely, medium bodied Pinot Noir revealing lots of subtle complexity, a product of the collection of great vineyards that are its pedigree. Balanced and long on the finish with no rough edges, it is very forward, with sweet tannins.

"The new oak is neatly integrated on the nose, giving the fruit profile a lift, with hints of boysenberry and blackberry. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, ripe black cherry and cranberry notes. I like the structure here and the whole cluster works well, lending a little freshness and wildness to the finish."

90 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE

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