

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
25% new, 75% neutral barrels*

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

*100% Eola-Amity Hills
Zena Crown Vineyard*

455 cases

14% alc by vol



NORTH VALLEY 2014 PINOT NOIR ORIGIN SERIES: EOLA-AMITY HILLS

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.

Bright, blue/red color in the glass. The wine begins with a lovely nose of blueberry pie, lavender, baking spices and earth notes. Brambly and focused on the palate with dark berry fruits, earth and tea leaf. While a medium bodied wine in stature, it remains bright on the palate throughout, thanks to noteworthy acidity. Finishes beautifully with hints of orange peel and blackberries, and some youthfully firm tannins that promise a long life ahead.

96 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

91 POINTS, VINOUS

90 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE