

# Wine Spectator

OREGON TASTING REPORT

## A PLACE *in the* SUN

*Oregon succeeds in 2012 with ripe, elegant Pinots*

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“At Soter Vineyards, founder Tony Soter has expanded the Planet Oregon and North Valley lines to reach 25,000 cases and complement his Mineral Springs estate wines. The Soter Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton District Mineral Springs Ranch 2012 (95, \$60) hits the top tier for its vibrant expressiveness, with black cherry, red plum, sassafras and dead leaf flavors on a long and silky frame. The Planet Oregon bottling is an affordably priced statewide Pinot Noir blend from certified sustainable vineyards-- the 2012 (90, \$20), juicy with red plum, currant and dusky spice flavors shows impressive intensity for its price--while the North Valley lineup in 2012 includes Willamette Valley bottlings of Pinot Noir (90, \$35) and Chardonnay (90, \$30).”

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TOP WINES

**SOTER** Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton District Mineral Springs Ranch 2012 - **95 POINTS**

TOP VALUES

**PLANET OREGON** Pinot Noir Oregon 2012 - **90 POINTS**



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Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge North Valley 2012

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**91 Soter**  
Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton North Valley 2012

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Pinot Noir McMinnville North Valley 2012

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Pinot Noir Dundee Hills North Valley 2012

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**90 Soter**  
Pinot Noir Willamette Valley North Valley 2012

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Chardonnay Willamette Valley North Valley 2012

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**90 Soter**  
Pinot Noir Reserve North Valley 2012

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Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills North Valley 2012