

2008 MINERAL SPRINGS PINOT NOIR



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THE WINE

The wine is named simply, Mineral Springs, and represents a selection from this esteemed site. Where the flagship “Mineral Springs Ranch”, or “MSR” Pinot Noir expresses the full clonal and micro-climate diversity of the property, the Mineral Springs Pinot Noir is created in a given vintage only when we identify something truly unique and focused that begs the spotlight. 2008 marks the debut of **Mineral Springs Pinot Noir** and is sourced predominantly from our Heirloom clones found in an area near the crown of the property. We produced precious little of this wine - just a few hundred cases - and it speaks with a more singular, amplified voice as the purest expression of Pinot Noir from our vineyard.

The vines for this debut bottling of Mineral Springs Pinot Noir occupy the ridge top of the wine’s name-sake vineyard at an elevation of 400 feet. They are rooted in ancient sedimentary soils derived from fractured marine sandstone. The combined effect of superb exposure, elevation, excellent drainage and the cool north-western Oregon climate create the potential for consistently great wines.

ACCOLADES

“The 2008 Pinot Noir Mineral Springs is even better, coming as it does from one of the Willamette Valley’s greatest vintages. Toasty oak notes, darker fruits, more density and richness and several years of aging potential are the hallmarks of this brilliantly rendered Pinot. Give it a minimum of 3-4 years of cellaring for it to fully blossom.

-- 95 points
The Wine Advocate

SPECIFICS

APPELLATION: 100% Estate Grown & Bottled
Yamhill-Carlton AVA
Oregon Certified Sustainable Wine

ELEVAGE: 25% whole cluster fermentation
40% new French oak cooperage
30 days extended maceration
Racked only for assembly prior to bottling

CELLARING: Drink now, though 1-2 years of bottle age will show a good deal more complexity. Will age gracefully for 10 years or more.

PRODUCTION: 300 cases

ALCOHOL: 13.8%