

## 2009 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 microclimate 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. 2009 marks just the second bottling 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 bottling of Mineral Springs Pinot Noir occupy the ridge top of the wine’s namesake 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

“Vivid ruby-red. Powerfully scented aromas of candied red fruits, cola, incense and Asian spices, with a bright mineral overtone. Stains the palate with sappy black raspberry and cherry-cola flavors that are lifted and braced by a zesty mineral quality. Closes sweet, spicy and very long, with silky tannins that fade into the wine’s dense fruit. Pretty seductive right now but I wouldn’t consider broaching this pinot for at least another five years.”

-- **94 points**

**Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**

### SPECIFICS

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

ELEVAGE: 30% whole cluster fermentation  
65% 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: 430 cases

ALCOHOL: 14.1%