

2011 MINERAL SPRINGS RANCH PINOT NOIR



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

HARVEST: October 25-29

ELEVAGE: 30% whole cluster fermentation
13 months in French Oak, 45% new
30 days extended maceration
Racked only for assembly prior to bottling

CELLARING: In 5-7 years you will be rewarded for your
patience, however this wine will drink
beautifully for 10-15 years.

PRODUCTION: 2,100 cases

ALCOHOL: 13.4%

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THE VINEYARD

Mineral Springs Ranch is a 240-acre parcel of woodland and grazing land dotted with ancient Oregon white oak savannas. The entire property is operated as a certified sustainable farm, home to 500 sheep and a 30-acre planting of Pinot Noir that occupies the ridge top and adjacent slopes at an elevation of 400 feet. These vines 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. There is no doubt that experienced and dedicated farming, along with careful craftsmanship contribute to the result, but from its very first vintage this vineyard has expressed its own singular voice. The wines are compelling expressions of a place destined to be recognized as one of the great sites for new world Pinot Noir.

THE VINTAGE

2011 will be remembered as a late, great Oregon Pinot Noir vintage. Like 2010, it was a cool growing season, and in both years we harvested in late October, weeks later than average, and produced delicious wines with modest alcohol levels, but the 2010 and 2011 are very different styles of wine. We enjoyed beautiful weather in September of 2011. It still took all of October to get our Pinot Noir fully ripe and it was almost November before we completed harvest.

The resulting wines proved to be worth waiting for, expressing balance, purity and fine structure - the rewards for patience and good fortune.

ACCOLADES

“Vivid ruby-red. Sexy, highly perfumed aromas of redcurrant, cherry, floral oils and minerals. At once silky and penetrating, offering vibrant red fruit and bitter blood orange flavors that gain sweetness with air. The mineral note comes back strong on the persistent finish, which is firmed by fine-grained, harmonious tannins. Shows the best traits of the vintage: elegance, precision and firm mineral bite.”

- **92 points**

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar