



2011 PINOT NOIR
WILLAMETTE VALLEY



“... brilliantly showcases its vintage’s virtues. Sweetly ripe, garlanded with freesia and wisteria, tinged with smoky tea and pungent green herbs... this terrific value will show handsomely through at least 2018.”

- 92 points
The Wine Advocate

“...appealingly fruit-forward, offering lively red berry flavors and a hint of bitter chocolate, very good energy and persistence on the finish, which features fine-grained tannins.”

- 90 points
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar

NORTH VALLEY WINES

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-District, 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 that we can.

TASTING NOTES

2011 will be remembered as a historically late harvest vintage, where we were picking well into the first week of November to assemble this noteworthy, regional Pinot Noir. The wine offers a compelling and classic Oregon Pinot Noir aroma profile of fresh berries and black cherry, with hints of forest floor and savory spices. The wine is silky on entry, ample and balanced with a real core of sweet fruit. Black cherry and marionberry dominate, with a lush finish. Good structure and balance prevail throughout, and this is quite possibly the most complete regional blend we have created under the North Valley label.

SPECIFICS

APPELLATION:	52% Eola-Amity Hills AVA 43% Yamhill-Carlton AVA 5% Dundee Hills AVA Certified Sustainable Vineyards
ELEVAGE:	15% new French oak Remaining cooperage: 2-3 yr old barrels 20% whole cluster fermentation
CELLARING:	Drink now, or cellar through 2020.
ALCOHOL:	13.6%

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