

MINERAL SPRINGS 2012 WHITE LABEL PINOT NOIR

THE VINEYARD. Mineral Springs Vineyard consists of 34 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay situated along the ridgeline of the greater property of 240 acres we call Mineral Springs Ranch ("MSR"). This is a privileged location in the world for Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. The right elevation, aspect, row orientation, ventilation and uniquely well-drained soils derived from marine sedimentary sandstone all contribute to consistently great results. Remaining acreage is committed to a diverse and inspired set of uses such as fir forest, oak woodland preservation, orchards, an heirloom vegetable farm, organic grain cultivation, and grazing lands. Michelle Soter's vision is the Ranch produce more than just wine-that it act as a source of food for employees, guests and local charities. The Soters believe elevating the vine only serves to highlight the land that nurtures us all.

Plantings include traditional clonal selections and rare heirloom types of which three wines are produced. Two of those wines are our Brut Rosé sparkling wine, and our flagship, Mineral Springs Ranch Pinot Noir. In rare years that are both generous and exceptional, we can highlight a particular portion of the vineyard that we feel resonates on a deeper level, our Mineral Springs Pinot Noir. Metaphorically speaking, this wine comes from the dark and mysterious spirit within the MSR. Objectively speaking, it's the crown of the hill planted to our lowest yielding heirloom clones that are always a key component of the MSR.

APPELLATION

Yamhill-Carlton: L.I.V.E. Certified Vineyard & Winery

ELEVAGE

30% whole cluster fermentation

30 days extended maceration

50% new French oak barrels for 12 months

CELLARING

Decant to enjoy now or hold through 2025

PRODUCTION

828 cases

ALCOHOL

14.0%

VINTAGE NOTE. 2012 will go down as one of the finest vintages in the Willamette Valley history. After two previous vintages of some of the coolest temperatures on record, Mother Nature provided us with minimal rainfall, plenty of sun, warm and consistent temperatures throughout the day, and perfectly cool nights. This optimal combination left us with fruit evenly ripened and balanced, with high acidity, and all around outstanding quality

TASTING NOTE. A tantalizing bouquet expressing great concentration that is both seductive and complex sets the stage. The nose showcases the pure essence of what we know as "Mineral Springs" - a melding of dark fruits and earthiness, yet is highlighted and amplified by a fascinating, almost floral perfume. The body of the wine is as ample and complex as the nose. Great concentration of fruit - dark cherries, Italian plums, blackberries, followed by a distinct and complementary earthiness that has hints of fine pipe tobacco, leather, and dark chocolate. The palate exhibits truly remarkable structure, highlighted by a luxurious array of fine tannins and a satisfying core of acid that leads into a powerful, long finish. In its youth this wine shows great promise, one that will surely stand up to the test of time, while already terrific to enjoy right now. Have a little patience with the cellaring of this wine, and you'll surely be rewarded. This is indeed the "complete package," a wine that is the result of a brilliant growing season, grown at Mineral Springs Vineyard.

"... a brilliant example of the grape variety..."

93 PTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE

"...black currant and smoky spice flavors welling up nicely and persisting into a lively finish."

93 PTS, THE WINE SPECTATOR

"A standout for its vintage."

93 PTS, VINOUS

