

NORTH VALLEY VINEYARDS 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, 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 we can.

*100% McMinnville AVA
Certified Sustainable Vineyards*

*Traditional vinification in small, open top
fermenters with 20% whole cluster fruit*

*Aged in French oak
30% new, 70% neutral barrels*

243 cases

13.9% alc by vol

2012 NORTH VALLEY PINOT NOIR ORIGIN: McMINNVILLE

We debut our "Origins" series Pinot Noirs from the tremendous 2012 vintage, considered amongst the finest growing seasons in our region's history. This bottling represents vineyard sources exclusively from within the McMinnville AVA. Made in very limited quantities, these "Origins" series wines are reflections of the personality-driven, regional characteristics from which they hail. This is the most westerly part of the northern Willamette Valley, dramatically positioned in the cooler climate foothills of the Coast Range. Here the soils are uplifted marine sediments layered over eroded basalt. Dark black fruits dominate the aromas, with slightly animal character, earth, clay, dark chocolate and subtle, sweet cassis overtones. Completely mouth-filling and saturating on the palate, displaying the dark fruit and cassis profile, with more spice and earth, tannins and acid both noteworthy as structural components, but never drying or out of balance. Powerful and long on the finish with hints of vanilla bean as it lingers long, built for aging.

"Vibrant purple plum and blackberry flavors play against grippy tannins in this sleek, open-textured and refined Pinot. The elements come together seamlessly on the firm finish. Best from 2016 through 2022."

91 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR

"Smooth and supple on the palate, offering gently sweet dark berry and plum flavors, plus a bracing kick of white pepper that provides cut to the back half."

91 POINTS, VINOUS

