

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% Yamhill-Carlton
Certified Sustainable Vineyards*

*Traditional vinification in small, open top
fermenters with 30% whole cluster fruit*

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

494 cases

14.1% alc by vol

2012 NORTH VALLEY PINOT NOIR ORIGIN: YAMHILL CARLTON

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 Yamhill-Carlton AVA. Made in very limited quantities, these "Origins" series wines are reflections of the personality-driven, regional characteristics from which they hail. Sheltered by a rain shadow created by the Coast Range, this is a "horseshoe" shaped area of rolling hills surrounding the towns of Carlton and Yamhill. The soils here are coarse-grained, ancient marine sediments layered over siltstone and sandstone. Expressive nose of red fruits, cranberries, forest floor, herbs de Provence, and smoked meat. Rich and full on the palate, showing dusty/earthy tones, with lots of spice and mineral characteristics. Cherry pit notes, hints of saffras and anise combine. Finishes strong with old world tannins and mouthfeel, this wine will age for many years to come.

"The palate is medium-bodied with gritty tannin, a mixture of red and black fruit but with a broody, almost saturnine finish... This is another very impressive Pinot Noir for Tony Soter."

93 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE

"Sweet and seamless in texture, but with juicy acidity giving spine and lift to the palate-staining black raspberry and cherry-cola flavors. A suave Pinot with no rough edges, finishing with excellent focus..."

92 POINTS, VINOUS

"Supple and sleek, packing red cherry, raspberry and spice flavors into a taut beam. A layer of refined tannins underlines the persistent finish. Best from 2016 through 2020."

91 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR

