

NORTH VALLEY

VINEYARDS

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.

*Aged in French oak
33% new, 67% neutral barrels*

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

*100% Dundee Hills
Certified Sustainable Vineyards*

458 cases

14.1% alc by vol



NORTH VALLEY 2014 PINOT NOIR ORIGIN SERIES: DUNDEE HILLS

While we did not produce any of our limited production North Valley Vineyards Reserves or Origins wines from the 2013 vintage, we are excited to once again have a full lineup of these gems from the outstanding 2014 harvest.

Warm weather throughout a long growing season delivered fully developed, ripe fruit, with especially precocious character. While you can readily "taste the sunshine" in these bottlings from 2014, we are pleased to have crafted very balanced wines that avoid excess. These wines will drink well in their youth, and also evolve beautifully for years to come.

Bright, red/blue color in the glass. An engaging nose of red currants, bramble, sandalwood, and a hint of licorice lead the way. Brisk on the palate, and very bright with acid and nerve. Similar fruits from the nose emerge on the palate, conjoined with notes of roasted coffee, vanilla and white pepper. This round, opulent wine finishes with a little iron/beef bouillon mineral nuance, and a juicy cherry profile. Soft tannins, clean and bright all the way through.

96 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING
92 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE
92 POINTS, VINOUS