

NORTH VALLEY 2014 PINOT NOIR

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, 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.

TASTING AND VINTAGE NOTES. 2014 will be compared to the enormously successful 2012 vintage. The season was long with even, warm weather and allowed winegrowers to elect when to pick - which is a rare privilege for us in the Willamette Valley. Our 2014 Pinot Noir is immediately engaging with a nose of plums, spice, black cherries and earth. The wine is ripe and rich, but with good underlying acidity. Similar themes on the palate as expressed in the aromatic profile, with dark chocolate notes. Brambly, darkly fruited and very showy as a young wine, it has medium body and finishes strong with balanced tannins. Definitely a hedonistic expression of our North Valley classic Pinot Noir, but without excess.

APPELLATION

31% Yamhill-Carlton
27% Ribbon Ridge
13% Dundee Hills
5% Eola-Amity Hills
24% Willamette Valley

CELLARING

Drinks beautifully now.
Enjoy through 2022.

ALCOHOL

13.8%

93 POINTS, JAMES SUCKLING

90 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR

90 POINTS, VINOUS

ELEVAGE

5% new French oak barrels
95% previously filled French oak barrels

