

# 2012 'Willow Creek Vineyard' Pinot Noir

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

Cases produced: 107  
Appellation: Willamette Valley, Oregon  
Vineyard sites: Willow Creek Vineyard  
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir  
Fermentation: Open top bins with punch downs twice daily  
Barrel regime: Aged in neutral oak for 17 months  
Final #s: Alcohol 13.7% - TA 0.54 g/100ml  
pH 3.58 - RS 0.05 g/100ml

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Willow Creek Vineyard is our family's newest vineyard site in the South Salem Hills, and it ripens earlier than our other Willamette Valley sites. It has evolved to produce fruit with elegance and finesse. The 2012 Willow Creek Pinot Noir has classical aromas of earth, stone, red fruits and spice with a distinctly floral note. The mouthfeel is characterized by silky tannins and bright acidity. The grapes were handled with minimum intervention, and the wine was aged in all neutral oak barrels to preserve its delicate fruitiness. This wine is the perfect companion to baked salmon or wild mushroom risotto. Enjoy now or cellar 5-7 years.

## VINEYARD NOTES

Located in the South Salem Hills near Turner, the Fries Family's youngest Willamette Valley vineyard was planted in 2003. The small, 16-acre site sits at approximately 500 feet elevation on a mild south slope; it borders the family's large St. Jory Vineyard and is planted to two clones of Pinot Noir—777 and Pommard. The site produces soft, fruity Pinot Noir with a pleasant roundness, resulting in a wine with immense food friendliness.

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