



2008 NUTHOUSE PINOT NOIR

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Here's a wine that will require some time to sit back and ponder over. The obvious notes on the nose of big juicy sweet Oregon blackberries and Rainier cherries have layers of summer cedar forest, strawberry rhubarb cobbler, and roses so deeply red they hurt adding aromatic complexities. Richness is exuded by this wine that has a palate full of berries fresh off the vine and exotic Asian spices, but with a graceful elegance that is anything but cumbersome. It is a rare and beautiful thing to find a Pinot Noir with this much power that still maintains the balance and finesse that defines the best that the varietal can be.

Winemaker's Production Notes

The 2008 growing season was a "late bloomer". A very dry, cold Spring delayed flowering until July rather than the traditional June time frame. August brought needed rainfall—more rain in August than any one month of March, April or May. As usually happens, the predicted rain in October was called off, and dry Indian Summer weather took hold. Ripening and picking occurred at a nice even pace. Our last day of picking was October 29th.

Wine Production Stats

Varietals: 100% Oregon Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Lonestar
AVA: Eola-Amity Hills
Alcohol: 14.0%
Cases produced: 2350
Date Bottles: March 2010
Winemakers: Rollin Soles and Andrew Davis