

2011 Pinot Noir

125 cases

Tasting Notes

This 100% Pinot Noir shows bright ruby red color and remarkable cherry and cranberry perfumed aromas and flavors. Subtle hints of Anise with silky tannins complete this expressive wine.

The overall impression of juicy, red fruit is complemented by bright acidity. The wine is beautiful, with enough acid and silky tannins to really shine with 3-5 years bottle age. Here is a wine that proves great Pinot Noir can be grown in Washington.



Harvest Notes

Appellation: Columbia Gorge

Vineyard: Underwood Mountain (2001)

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir (50% Pommard / 25% 667 / 25% 777 all on 10114 rootstock)

Vineyard

Underwood Mountain Vineyard is tucked into a sheltered pocket on the south east side of the Underwood Mountain volcano. Protected from the marine rains, yet completely alpine in character, this vineyard produces wines with focused aromas and flavors, and bracing acidity. Rows are oriented North-South and vines are trained vertical shoot positioning. Clusters are thinned to one per shoot with all shoulders cut off, to maintain yields of less than 2 tons per acre. Soils are volcanic loam and are dry farmed.

Vinification

The fruit is hand harvested and transported to the winery in the early morning. The fruit is de-stemmed into fermenters. Inoculated fermentation is in open top fermenters with manual pigeage. Pressed at dryness and barreled in French oak barrels (20% new). Bottled in 11 months.