

## NORTH VALLEY VINEYARDS 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.*

*100% Eola-Amity Hills  
Certified Sustainable Vineyards*

*Traditional vinification in small, open top  
fermenters with 30% whole cluster fruit*

*Aged in French oak  
25% new, 75% neutral barrels*

*438 cases*

*14.1% alc by vol*

## 2012 NORTH VALLEY PINOT NOIR ORIGIN: EOLA-AMITY HILLS

*We debut our "Origins" series Pinot Noirs from the tremendous 2012 vintage, considered amongst the finest growing seasons in our region's history. This bottling represents vineyard sources exclusively from within the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. Made in very limited quantities, these "Origins" series wines are reflections of the personality-driven, regional characteristics from which they hail. The Eola-Amity Hills, near west Salem, are directly influenced by maritime breezes coming off the Pacific Ocean, funneled through the Van Duzer corridor. Soils here include both volcanic series and ancient marine sediments. Blue and black fruits predominate in the nose, with notes of earth, pie crust, minerals, and a little beef jerky. Flavors of black mission figs, dark espresso roast, and blackberries with hints of graphite and white flowers abound. Very full and rich, showcasing both ample tannins and high acidity, the wine finishes with lovely balance considering its structure.*

*"The acidity here is nicely judged, lending to the natural harmony of this Pinot Noir, while the finish is quite caressing in the mouth. Drink this sensual Pinot Noir over the next 5-7 years, possibly more."*

**92 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE**

*"Chewy and tightly focused on entry, then fleshier in the middle, offering sappy red and dark berry flavors and a touch of lavender."*

**91 POINTS, VINOUS**

*"Taut and a bit tannic, with a firm texture around a focused core of plum and spice flavors. Dances through the long finish. Best from 2016 through 2019."*

**90 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR**

