

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.

*100% Ribbon-Ridge
Certified Sustainable Vineyards*

*Traditional vinification in small, open top
fermenters with 20% whole cluster fruit*

*Aged in French oak
33% new, 67% neutral barrels*

443 cases

14.1% alc by vol

2012 NORTH VALLEY PINOT NOIR ORIGIN: RIBBON RIDGE

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 Ribbon Ridge AVA. Made in very limited quantities, these "Origins" series wines are reflections of the personality-driven, regional characteristics from which they hail, Ribbon Ridge being the smallest of the six Willamette Valley sub-appellations. Located immediately west of the Chehalem Mountains, it is defined by a serpentine backbone of ridge tops all of marine sedimentary soils. Lush aromas of red and blue fruits, framboise, and new saddle leather are accented by notes of white pepper. Sweet on entry, the wine exhibits high toned black cherry and raspberry flavors with hints of bittersweet chocolate and black pepper. Full, but silky, lithe and elegant, this expressive Pinot Noir finishes with supple tannins and balanced acidity.

"The 2012 Ribbon Ridge Pinot Noir is aged in one-third new French oak and the rest in neutral barrels. There is a slight lactic/chocolate note on the nose at the moment, although there is certainly plenty of red berry/kirsch fruit behind. The palate is medium-bodied with soft tannin and well-judged acidity, light red berry fruit with a touch of piquancy on the finish."

91 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE

"Firm, with an earthy undertone to red berry and cinnamon flavors, veering toward purple plum on the finish. Drink now through 2020."

91 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR

