



The Vineyard and the Wine

Upon acquiring the Saffron Fields property, Angela and Sanjeev partnered with veteran Oregon vineyard consultants Results Partners to ensure optimal grape clones and planting techniques were used. Word of mouth carried their reputation for delicious, high quality fruit through the valley. Today, Saffron Fields' grapes are made into single vineyard designates by several prominent winemakers. The Saffron Fields estate wines are made by Tony Rynders, a celebrated Oregon winemaker for more than 15 years. Industry veteran Chris Berg of Roots Wine produces small-lot, vintage-inspired special bottlings such as Riesling and sparkling wine for Saffron Fields.

Thoughts on Saffron Fields Vineyard from the winemakers:

Tony Rynders: Saffron Fields and Tendril

"Saffron Fields Vineyard is one of the most exciting young vineyard sites that I have had an opportunity to work with. From my first visit to the vineyard, I knew this was going to be a good site. In fact, I took all the grapes the first year. The sedimentary soils, gentle west-southwest aspect and the moderate elevation are all positive attributes. In the four years that the vineyard has been bearing fruit, I have been impressed with Saffron Fields' consistency and character. It achieves ideal ripeness even in cool vintages."

Chris Berg: Saffron Fields and Roots Wine

"Being fruit from the Yamhill-Carlton District AVA, it shows a fantastic sense of place. It exhibits beautiful expressions of dark fruit while still managing to be light on the palate, not overdone. In 2010 this vineyard far exceeded most wines in my cellar. They are also incredibly nice people who are great to work with. I hope to be able to source Saffron Fields Vineyard fruit for a long time."

Jay MacDonald: EIEIO

"The site is one of the best in the area as it is fully exposed for air drainage yet protected against major wind issues. It is currently farmed impeccably. Consequently, the fruit is perfectly ripe and tastes great. All is in balance and the

juice assay shows it to be close to perfect. All my wines are fermented without any additions and all of my Saffron Fields went off without a hitch, producing beautiful aromas all the way through fermentation. To me, Saffron Fields shows an interesting underlying verve of black fruit flavors over red and sassafras over tobacco. Fun wine to say the least.”

Jerry Murray: former winemaker for Van Duzer

“I designated the Saffron Fields fruit because—from the wine’s infancy—it showed great potential. In the fermenter it showed a fruit intensity rather uncharacteristic of the 2010 vintage. In our early evaluations of the entire cellar after Malolactic fermentation, the wine again stood out. It displayed a layering and complexity that made the wine seem as if the flavors were bursting out of a bag too small to hold it all. The dark brooding character and volume of the wine were textbook Yamhill-Carlton and given the age of the vines we were very impressed with the potential and wanted to show that with a designated bottling.”

Accolades for the 2010 Saffron Fields Pinot Noir

***Wine Enthusiast*, Paul Gregutt**

Veteran Tony Rynders makes this wine, a lush mash-up of aromas running from mint to blackberry to cola. It’s a wine of power and finesse, that leads you down a most interesting flavor trail, with licorice and black tea dominating a long finish.

92 points

***Wine Spectator*, Harvey Steiman**

Light and refreshing, offering pretty plum and spice flavors set on an airy texture. Comes together on the finish, with a brush of tannins. Drink now through 2017.

90 points

***Wine Advocate*, David Schildknecht**

Excellent potential here. **89+ points**

***PinotFile*, Rusty Gaffney, “The Prince of Pinot”**

Very fragrant, easy to drink, good ripeness, supple tannins. A soft and velvety mouth feel, and a generous, fruit-driven finish, very impressive. **Very good.**

Accolades for the 2011 Saffron Fields Pinot Noir

***International Wine Cellar*, Josh Raynolds**

Heady spice and smoke-accented aromas of red berries, cherry and sassafras. Juicy and supple in texture...very good clarity, silky tannins and gentle grip.

90 points