WINEMAKING INFORMATION

2012 Le Pavillon Pinot Noir

In 2012, the warm dry summer and mild early fall weather provided very ripe and clean fruit from all of our vineyard sources. We de-stemmed 100% of the fruit, and fermented in small lots, using a mix of indigenous and cultivated yeasts. The fermenters were punched down twice daily by hand until dry, and then pressed very gently. Aged 18 months in 20% new French barrels. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally.

TASTING NOTES

A very fruit forward vintage, this wine shows cherry, earth and forest floor with hints of mushrooms and decaying cedar. This exceptional Pinot Noir will benefit tremendously with more aging time to express its full potential.

HOLLORAN VINEYARD WINES

Harvest Dates: October 11-18, 2012
Bottled June 26, 2014
291 cases produced

VINEYARD INFORMATION

The Le Pavillon Vineyard site in the heart of the Red Hills AVA in Dundee, is our oldest and most outstanding vineyard. This 10 acre site boasts own-rooted Pommard clone Pinot Noir planted in 1972, along with Chardonnay and Riesling, making it one of the oldest surviving vineyards in the Willamette Valley.

It is primarily volcanic-based Jory soil with subsurface parent material of fractured basalt. The vines are not irrigated, forcing the roots to seek water and minerals deep underground. The average elevation is 617 feet, with a south facing 9.7% slope.

This vineyard has been farmed organically since 1999 and biodynamic since 2006, supporting the production of some of the finest Pinot Noir that Oregon has to offer.