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2013 EYRIE VINEYARDS PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

THE WINE

Lovely and aromatic, the 2013 possesses a lively demeanor and generous fruit in spite of its relatively low alcohol of 12.4%. The fruit is underlain by intriguing herbal and floral layers that will elaborate with time. Patience is sure to be rewarded with this young vintage.

THE VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

The Willamette Valley cuvée combines Pinot from Eyrie's estate vineyards with a small fraction from other organically-managed, old-vine sites. It is a blend of 84% estate grown Pinot, and 16% from the Cattrall Brothers, Pearl, and Bishop Creek Vineyards.

The desire to stay true to place and limit our impact on nature educates Eyrie's viticulture and wine-making practices. Insecticides, herbicides, and systemic chemicals are never used in the vineyards. In the winery, we refrain from unnecessarily manipulating the wines during their fermentation and maturation, allowing them to reflect the vintage. Eyrie's attentive vineyard practices focus on rigorous training of the vines and on picking at the optimal time.

Once our Pinot noir is picked by hand, it is crushed and put into small one-ton fermenters to undergo native, low temperature primary fermentation. Several fermenters are 100% whole cluster and contribute about 5% of the final blend.

THE VINTAGE

In true Oregon style, the 2013 vintage in the Willamette Valley was dynamic. Consistently warm temperatures throughout spring and summer seemed to be pushing us towards an early harvest. However, late August and September brought a pattern of high morning clouds that slowed sugar accumulation and let the flavors catch up. In spite of rains in late September harvest commenced and finished at normal dates. The 2013 wines have both the bright acidity of a cool year and ripe fruit overtones of a warm year. The result is an attractive and energetic balance



TECHNICAL NOTES

PRODUCTION IN CASES	1,913
BOTTLING DATE	April, 2015
APPELLATION	Willamette Valley, Oregon
VINEYARD SOURCES	Estate: The Eyrie, Sisters, Rolling Green, Daphne and Outcrop Vineyards. Off-Estate: Cattrall Brothers, Pearl, and Bishop Creek Vineyards.
pH	3.67
TOTAL ACIDITY	6.0 g/L
ALCOHOL % BY VOLUME	12.37
SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE	\$37.50

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

