



2005 RR Pinot Noir

Ridgecrest Vineyards

Ribbon Ridge AVA

Willamette Valley

Oregon



Vintage Notes

2005 was an old-style Oregon vintage, warming the cockles of the hearts of industry old folks like me as much as the coffee we drank. Cooler and damper than the average modern vintage, mature winemakers and mature vineyards understood and adjusted to the weather, giving the grapes a chance to fully ripen and working magic to assure clean fruit. Experience should show with our three classic estate vineyards. Great extraction, great acid, lower alcohols (no Pinots above the 13%!) — expect wines of finesse and ageability.

93pts Wine Spectator
90pts IWC/Vinous

Tasting Notes

Pale red. Rather wild cherry and dark berry aromas are complemented by smoked meat, minerals and licorice... Chewy bitter cherry flavor offers excellent depth, with a strong spicy overtone mounting with air. For all its flavor impact the wine is light to medium in body, with very good mineral snap and finishing sweetness. - IWC

Technical Data

Alcohol - 13.1%

TA - 6.0 g/L

pH - 3.62

Cases produced - 394

Release date - October 2007

Drink - now - 2023



Aging wine

building a fourth dimension

In the appreciation of wine, we always want more. We want to know details, experience the lifestyle, and be ahead of others in discovering future epiphanies. Many people understand the beauty, versatility and magic of Pinot Noir freshly released from their favorite winery and currently on wine shelves. But few people understand what an older wine should taste like and the oohs and aahs of ultimate pleasure that result from the experience of drinking a bottle held by someone for years.

"One of the dimensions of fine wine that is often overlooked is bottle development."

- Harry Peterson-Nedry

As a wine ages, it gains a fourth Dimension. Restaurants rarely have cellars to supply an authentic Reserve List. Retail bottle shops often have wines no older than last week's delivery. Gone are the days when dust and cobwebs were wiped away to find a "special" wine for you in either place. Sadly, gone also is the ability to see a different spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and nuances found only in aged wines. But this doesn't have to be the case. RR wines were built to age gracefully. Delicious now, these bottles will only improve with time, as evidenced by the stunning array of library wines we've been aging just for you.



Age-worthy wines from the first vines planted on Ribbon Ridge.

