



2012 RR Pinot Noir
Ridgecrest Vineyards
Ribbon Ridge AVA
Willamette Valley
Oregon



93pts IWC/Vinous
 93pts Wine & Spirits
 93pts - Wine Spectator

Tasting Notes

Bright Ruby. Sexy smoke- and spic-accented aromas of black raspberry, cola and pungent flowers, with a mineral element adding vivacity. Pliant, expansive red and dark berry flavors stain the palate, showing outstanding clarity and back-end lift. Combines power and finesse deftly and closes on a spice note, with smooth tannins coming in late to add grip. Drinking window 2018-2023. - VN

Vintage Notes

This was a uniformly excellent vintage in the Willamette Valley, moreso than the past few years where some winemakers read it well and others may not have. The weather was storybook, almost entirely positive, with the Grinch of hail in one or two localized sites proving we're as vulnerable as Burgundy. The heat accumulations are the 5th highest in the last 16 years, putting ripeness in the league with 2004 and 1998. The perfectly warm and completely dry growing and ripening seasons kept disease away and pushed full ripeness without sacrificing acid structure.

Technical Data

Alcohol - 15.0%

TA - 6.7 g/L

pH - 3.44

Production - 433 cases

Release - October 2014

Drink - now - 2030





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.

