



## 2013 RR Pinot Noir

### Ridgecrest Vineyards

### Ribbon Ridge AVA

### Willamette Valley



#### Vintage Notes

A Tale of Two Harvests—one very early and one normal, with rain in between. They started as one very early harvest thanks to a very consistent, warm growing season, the warmest on record up to final ripening mid-September. An unanticipated 30-year rain event of 5" then appeared the last days of September, made of remnants from a typhoon that had hit Japan days before, ushering in a spate of cool weather, interrupting the season, slowing ripening and turning it into two discrete picks, with early Pinot noir ferments already in barrel before remaining grapes were ripe and picked! Although grapes ripe during the rain were vulnerable to botrytis, earlier and later picks showed very good quality, with many considering the coolness and longer hang-time a big benefit, preserving acidity and flavors, while minimizing alcohol. Color, texture, balance and acidity on the whole were good for the vintage. Croploads were moderate to high, except for blocks and varieties lost to the rain.

92pts - Wine Spectator  
92pts - James Suckling

#### Tasting Notes

Taut, focused and vibrant, with cherry, blackberry, sassafras and black tea flavors in deft distribution as the finish comes together harmoniously and lingers. Has presence and serenity. -  
*WS* Pretty succulent aromas of dried fruit and dried meat follow through to a medium to full body, firm tannins and a savory finish. Very well done for 2013. -  
*JS*

#### Technical Data

**Alcohol - 13.0%**

**TA - 6.4 g/L**

**pH - 3.36**

**Cases produced - 442**

**Release - October 2015**

**Drink - now - 2031**





# 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.*

