

DOMAINE SERENE

WINERY HILL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

v. 2008

"The best vintage Oregon has ever produced."

93 POINTS - "Also made from Dijon clones. Not quite as expressive as the other single vineyard bottlings, it nevertheless delivers a lovely nose of spicy red fruits, incense, cinnamon, and cherry blossom. Savory, ripe, and smooth textured, it has the balance and structure to evolve for another 2-3 years. Drink it from 2012 to 2020." - *Robert Parker*

VINEYARD

The beautiful Winery Hill Estate is one of Domaine Serene's three vineyard estates. Located in the Dundee Hills of Oregon, one mile north of the Evenstad Estate, it is home to Domaine Serene's winery and to the 20 acre Winery Hill Vineyard. The dry-farmed vineyard is planted to Dijon clones 114, 115, and 777 of Pinot Noir on yield-limiting rootstocks. At 800-850 feet in elevation, the vineyard soil is Jory type.

CROP YIELD & AGING - 2.16 tons/acre. Aged 20 months in 88% new French oak barrels

VINTAGE NOTES

Overcast weather made June and July two of the coolest summer months in recent memory making it reminiscent of 1997, the last year that Oregon experienced a cold summer. In the nick of time, Mother Nature decided to smile on the Willamette Valley, and the sun came out. A gorgeous late summer/early fall not only ripened fruit, it's redeemed 2008 to the point of greatness. Pinot noir grapes love hot days and cold nights - and 2008 provides them. 2008's September highs in the low '90s are paired with nights in the low '40s, perfect conditions for complexity as well as ripeness. In the end, Mother Nature delivered ideal conditions for making complex and full bodied Pinot noir. The 2008 vintage may represent a new benchmark for Oregon Pinot Noir.

"In the 2008's, you've got the best vintage Oregon has ever produced, the kind of vintage Oregon winemakers always hoped they could produce." - *Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator.*



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