

# Pinot Noir

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

## Gothic 'Nevermore' Pinot Noir 2014

#### Quoth The Raven, 'Nevermore.'

Nevermore Pinot Noir reflects the unique qualities of the Willamette Valley as a whole, rather than focusing on individual single vineyard sites. Blending fruit from several sites within the valley allows us to draw upon the finest qualities of each region and vineyard, yielding a wine of depth and character.

#### The 2014 Vintage

The 2014 vintage is the vintage of a lifetime & may be Oregon's best harvest to date. Our 2014 Nevermore epitomizes Gothic's raison d'etre: it's one of the best Pinot Noirs we have ever tasted, personally & professionally, which weighs in at under \$25 retail.

The early progression of spring & warm temperatures - along with minimal issues due to rain, disease and birds - led to even cluster development and a beautiful balance between sugar levels, flavor and structure in the berries. This resulted in deeply concentrated wines with fresh, luscious, dark fruit profiles and seamless balance. It is safe to say that 2014 may be one of the finest and most harmonious vintages in the 50-year history of winemaking in the Willamette Valley.

### Vinification Method

We harvested our fruit throughout Yamhill-Carlton and Dundee between Sept 9th and 20th. Following a two-day cold soak and primary fermentation, the wine was settled, racked to barrel and aged for 11 months in French oak (10% new) from a variety of coopers. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barrel, & the wine was bottled in September.

#### Tasting Notes

In tasting this wine we return over and over to the adjective 'seamless'; the balanced ripe fruit and classic Oregon Pinot Noir flavors are balanced with a complimentary touch of new oak, leaving the intrinsic quality of the berries unadulterated. The balanced texture has an uncanny knack for pairing with food, or drinking on its own. When mother nature gives you lemons, you make lemonade. When mother nature gives you a perfect vintage, you make exceptional wine.

### 90 Points Wine Spectator Rating

Firm and sleek, with velvety tannins around a taut core of cherry, red plum, floral and spice savors, lingering effortlessly on the focused finish.

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