



## WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

2015

- 91 Lurid red. Vibrant, sharply focused scents of ripe red berries and candied flowers are complicated by suggestions of cinnamon and allspice. Lithe and appealingly sweet on the palate, offering intense raspberry, cherry and spicecake flavors that deepen and spread out with air. The floral note comes back strong on the clinging, spice-laced finish, which is given shape by harmonious, slow-building tannins. This wine delivers outstanding value and is an auspicious inaugural offering for this project, which is owned by the proprietors of California Pinot Noir specialist Banshee.

2016

- 90 Ripe, spice-accented cherry and boysenberry scents, along with hints of woodsmoke, mocha and camphor. Fleshy and seamless in texture, offering gently sweet dark berry, mint and spicecake flavors that become livelier with aeration. Closes smooth and smoky, featuring repeating cherry character and gentle tannins that come in late.

2017

- 91 Displays abundant berry and floral character, with vibrant spice accents adding verve. Seamless in texture and appealingly sweet, the 2017 finishes with impressive, juicy persistence and resonating florality. This is textbook Willamette Valley Pinot Noir at a great price. focus, with juicy, fresh red fruit in abundance. Oregon's 2017 vintage will be remembered as a true classic, yielding wines that are true to their nature and simultaneously approachable and age-able.

## FLOODLINE PINOT NOIR

2016

- 91 Aromas of ripe red berries and cherry, along with subtle cola and licorice nuances. Sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering bitter cherry and raspberry flavors that flesh out on the back half. A smoky note emerges on the clinging finish, which features fine-grained tannins and suave red fruit preserve and mocha qualities.

2017

- 92 Deep brilliant red. Mineral-driven raspberry, cherry and potpourri aromas show very good clarity and pick up hints of cola and Asian spices with air. Palate-staining, sappy red fruit and spicecake flavors are given lift and spine by a core of juicy acidity. Densely packed but lithe in style, finishing very long and spicy, with smooth tannins lending gentle grip.

## NYSA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

2016

- 93 A highly aromatic bouquet evokes red fruit liqueur, mocha and Asian spices, along with a smoky mineral overtone. Juicy, seamless and precise on the palate, offering sweet raspberry, rose pastille and spicecake flavors that deepen and spread out steadily with air. Conveys a suave blend of richness and finesse and finishes with supple, harmonious tannins and outstanding clarity and floral-tinged persistence.

2017

- 94 Vivid ruby-red. Spice- and mineral-accented dark berry and cherry cola scents pick up succulent herbal and floral notes with aeration. Plush and seamless in texture, offering palate-staining black raspberry, cherry mocha and spicecake flavors along with hints of licorice, cola and candied rose. Finishes very long and spicy, with resonating floral character and smooth, late-arriving tannins.



## EOLA SPRINGS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

2016

**93** Spice-tinged black raspberry and cherry scents are complicated by hints of cola, pungent flowers and smoky minerals. Sweet and seamless on the palate, offering energetic red and dark berry and vanilla flavors along with suggestions of rose pastille and blood orange that add complexity. Concentrated but vibrant and precise in character, delivering strong finishing thrust, interwoven tannins and excellent, floral-driven persistence.

2017

**93** Shimmering ruby-red. Vibrant, mineral-accented red and dark berry scents pick up notes of succulent herbs, Moroccan spices, cola and candied flowers with air. Juicy, focused and energetic on the palate, offering deeply concentrated black raspberry and cherry cola flavors along with hints of five-spice powder, vanilla and mocha. Closes extremely long and spicy, with resonating red fruit preserve character and silky, harmonious tannins that fade steadily into the wine's juicy fruit

## CROFT VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

2016

**93** Powerful smoke- and spice-accented red berry liqueur, mocha and floral pastille scents show excellent clarity and pick up notes of licorice and cola with air. Sweet and expansive on the palate, offering juicy black raspberry, cherry cola, lavender and spicecake flavors that become livelier on the back half. This weighty yet lithe Pinot finishes smooth and very long, featuring slow-building tannins and resonating florality.

2017

**92** Deep lurid red. Spice- and smoke-accented cherry, raspberry and musky floral scents are complemented by building mineral and earth accents. Concentrated yet lively in character, offering intense cherry, Chambord and cola flavors that tighten up slowly on the back half. Smoothly plays power off finesse and finishes very long and appealingly sweet, with dusty tannins sneaking in late.

## MEREDITH MITCHELL PINOT NOIR

2016

**92** Lurid red. Blackberry and boysenberry aromas are complicated by suggestions of cola and candied violet, and a smoky mineral note lends nervy lift. Incisive dark berry and bitter cherry flavors slowly gain flesh and become sweeter in the midpalate. Impressively precise and energetic, delivering strong finishing thrust and dusty, building tannins that make a late appearance.

2017

**93** Limpid magenta. Spice-tinged red and blue fruits and cherry pit on the highly perfumed nose, along with allspice, smoky mineral and lavender notes. Intense black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors gain sweetness with air and show seamless texture and excellent depth. A lively, impressively long and spice-accented finish shows firm grip and fine-grained, building tannins.