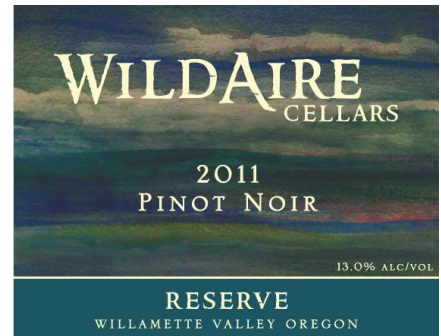


# WildAire Cellars 2011 Reserve Pinot Noir

*145 cases produced*

## Winemaker Notes

The Reserve Pinot Noir is made by blending our best barrels to create a wine that brings together all of the great elements of the vineyards that we work with. We can never tell which vineyards or which barrels that will end up in the final blend of the Reserve, but that's what makes wine so mysterious. This blend is always the most difficult task for us every year and yet it's also the most enjoyable. The grapes for this wine were destemmed and then cold soaked for 10 days. Some fermenters were inoculated with several types of yeasts while others used native yeasts and were hand punched to dryness until pressing off after 23 days on the skins. The wine was settled for a week before going to barrel. This wine is definitely built with some aging potential in mind and it should evolve wonderfully for at least 7 to 9 years.



## Vineyards

**Clay Court Vineyard** is owned by Elk Cove Vineyards and is located in Sherwood, Oregon. This 15 acre vineyard sits on the eastern side of Parrett Mountain in the Chehalem Mountains AVA and is sustainably farmed using LIVE vineyard practices.

**8% Dijon Clone 777**

**Shea Vineyard** is owned by Dick and Deirdre Shea of Portland, Oregon and is managed by Jesus Marin. It's located in the northern region of the Willamette Valley inside of Yamhill-Carlton District AVA near Carlton, Oregon. This vineyard is known by many as Oregon's "Grand Cru" vineyard and its wines have garnered some of the highest scores ever recorded for an Oregon Pinot Noir.

**25% Wadenswil Clone from block 25**

**Zenith Vineyard** is owned by Tim and Kari Ramey and is located near Salem. It rests on a southeast slope of the Eola-Amity Hills AVA and is also a LIVE certified vineyard.

**50% Dijon Clone 115 and Wadenswil**

**Illaha Vineyard** is owned by Lowell and Pauline Ford and is located in Dallas, Oregon. Its 50 acres are nestled in the foothills of the coast range in the middle of the Willamette Valley AVA and is LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

**17% Illaha Vineyard –Pommard Clone**

## Aging

Aged for 10 months in 33% new French Oak (Rousseau, Billon)

**Retail \$35**