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2007 Reserve Pinot Noir

73 cases produced

Winemaker Notes

The Reserve Pinot Noir is made by blending barrels of distinction 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. Putting together this blend is the most difficult task for me every year and it's also the most enjoyable. The grapes for this wine were 10% whole cluster and then cold soaked for 5 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 6 to 8 years.

Tasting Notes

Elegant aromatics of rose petal, strawberry, black pepper, and oriental tea, linger with vanilla and toasty oak. The entry is very luxurious, with a creamy mid palate that wraps itself gently with a blanket of delicate flavors that include cherry, clove, and vanilla. The medium length of the finish, the overall balance, and the relative ease of ingestion, enable this wine to be paired with a variety of meals. Try it with light pasta dishes or grilled tuna with a cranberry reduction sauce and polenta.

Vineyards

Eastburn Vineyard is owned by Mark and Terri Eastburn and is located in Sherwood, Oregon. The vineyard sits on the eastern side of Parrett Mountain in the Chehalem Mountains AVA. The vineyard is planted to fifteen acres of Dijon Clones 777, 114, 115, which are grafted onto rootstock. The vineyard has a planting density of 1450 vines per acre and the elevation is 600' with Laurelwood and Jory soils.

Momtazi Vineyard is owned by Moe and Flora Momtazi and is located on the steep foothills of the coast range in the newly approved McMinnville Appellation. This 240 acre vineyard is farmed using Biodynamic farming methods which take into account the entire farm as a whole system and ties them together with the Earth, Moon, Sun, Planets and Stars. The elevation is 650' and the vines are spaced at about 1400 vines per acre on Willakenzie soils.

The 2007 Reserve is a blend of 33% Eastburn Vineyard - Dijon Clone 114, and 67% Momtazi Vineyard – Pommard Clone

Aging

Aged for 10 months in 33% new French Oak (Damy)

Retail **\$35 / Bottle**