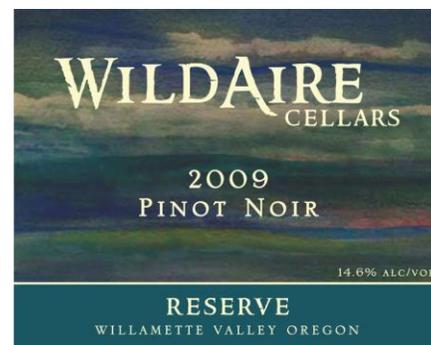


WildAire Cellars 2009 Reserve Pinot Noir

142 cases produced

Tasting Notes

This wine exhibits aromas of ripe cherries, currants, and pie spice that mingle with whiffs of toasty oak. A silky entry drifts into a mid palate with lingering sweet tannins. Enticing flavors of dark cherries, plums, anise, and vanilla, evolve into an incredibly long and beautiful finish. Try this wine with grilled lamb chops.



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. Putting together this blend is the most difficult task for me every year and it's also the most fun! The grapes for this wine were 5% 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 4 to 6 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.

50% Dijon Clones 114 and 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.

33% Dijon Clone 114 from block 14 on the East Hill and Dijon Clone 777 from block 30 on the West Hill

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.

17% Dijon Clones 115 and 777

Aging

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

Retail **\$35**