



2007 Siduri Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

We continue to believe that it is important to offer well-made, artisan Pinot Noirs at attractive entry level price points. Certainly Pinot Noir has become the “belle of the ball” in recent times and prices have risen accordingly (and then some), but we are often left wondering how new consumers will ever discover the joys of Pinot Noir if prices are so stratospheric as to render them unattainable. That is why we are committed to producing wines such as this one - the 2007 Siduri Willamette Valley Pinot Noir.

The 2007 vintage in the Willamette was a challenging one. The weather turned in mid-September with rain falling sporadically and yet heavy at times. This wet weather had the possibility of ushering in all sorts of problems including rot and dilute flavors. Fortunately, due to some diligent work by our growers, botrytis was not an issue in any of our vineyards. However, the vines did take up a good deal of water and, to compensate for this, we did a great deal of bleeding off of the juice in hopes of concentrating the flavors.

We were also very selective in which barrels made the cut for each of the wines. The 2007 Willamette Valley is a blend of 37% Arbore Vert Vineyard, 37% Muirfield Vineyard, 15% Hawk’s View Vineyard, and 11% Beran Vineyards Pinot Noir. For those of you interested in numbers, it clocks in at a modest 13.15% alcohol.

Harvey Steinman, of *Wine Spectator* magazine, wrote a very insightful blog about the 2007 vintage in Oregon and, specifically, about our Oregon wines. After barrel sampling our 2007 Oregon wines he described them this way, “their fresh flavors and relatively low alcohol levels bode well for a vintage of charm and grace.” We couldn’t have said it better, as the Willamette Valley Pinot Noir shows pretty red cherry and mulberry fruit flavors, with hints of spice and a distinct floral character. We truly believe that this wine will take on more weight with a few months in the bottle and will be even better after the new year.

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