



2012 Firesteed Oregon Pinot Noir

In 2012, a cool and wet June was followed by a warm, unusually dry summer. Less than one-tenth of an inch of rain fell from July 1st to mid-October. Harvest of perfectly ripe Pinot Noir grapes began at our Erratic Oaks Vineyard on Ballard Road on October 9th and then continued through the end of the month at the winery's Estate Vineyard and other selected sites throughout the Willamette Valley.

Our 2012 Pinot Noir continues the Firesteed tradition of a consistent fruit driven style, achieved with gentle techniques in the cellar and imagination in the vineyard. The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks with selected yeasts propagated from cellars in Burgundy, pressed during the last days of fermentation, and racked as soon as the wine finished malo-lactic fermentation. A touch of barrel-aged wine was included in the blend to round out the flavors and enhance complexity.

This wine's spicy aromas of clove, star anise, cinnamon stick and peppercorn meld with flavors of raspberry, black cherry and cassis and encourage a second sip before flowing into the soft, lingering finish.

Wine Analysis

pH: 3.70

TA: 5.90 g/l

Alcohol: 13%