



ADELSHEIM ELIZABETH'S RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2011

Appellation: Ribbon Ridge, Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Dave Paige

Closure: Cork

Alcohol: 13.0%



Tasting Notes

This wine is both elegant and intense, offering layered aromas of red raspberries, fresh Oregon strawberries, brown spice and cedar. Its aromas are reflected on a palate that speaks of purity and elegance, and is exceptionally balanced with silky tannins and a persistent finish.

Winery

As one of Oregon's founding wineries, our history is long and varied. From planting the first vineyard in the early 1970's to farming 237 acres in the north Willamette Valley today, a great deal of learning, experimentation and collaboration has contributed to our company's and our region's success. At Adelsheim Vineyard we strive to make wines of elegance and balance, wines that reflect the unique flavors and textures that grow in the Willamette Valley. We use a restrained approach that relies on decades of experience to express the uniqueness of each vineyard and each vintage.

Vintage

A cool spring caused bud break to occur 22 days later than average on May 8th. However, perfect warm weather during bloom (which occurred on July 7th) allowed for an amazing fruit set. Large cluster sizes warranted heavy cluster thinning, leaving a low amount of clusters – at times below one cluster per shoot on average – to ripen. Berry ripening progressed throughout the cooler summer until veraison occurred on September 13th (20 days behind). The first part of September brought excellent warm and dry weather with highs in the 80's and 90's. October began with cool temperatures, highs in the 60's, and high rainfall. One week prior to harvest the weather took a turn for the better providing near perfect conditions for the rest of harvest. The cool season and long hang time allowed the grapes to develop slowly, increasing complexity and flavor profiles.

Wine

The name "Elizabeth's Reserve" was first used in 1986 to designate the blend of our best barrels of Pinot noir - the best barrels from our best lots. Most of the fruit for this wine (72%) comes from five of our estate vineyards located on south-facing slopes of the Chehalem Mountains and Ribbon Ridge. With many wonderful lots representing different soil types, clones, site climates, fermenter sizes, and barrel characteristics, winemaker Dave Paige pulls together those that best create a reserve level wine, one that truly reflects the vintage and character of our corner of the Willamette Valley.

Reviews

Delicate and savory, this wine's scents of forest floor berries, horehound and a whiff of cinnamon and clove lead the charge in the glass. The flavors reflect that spiciness, accenting mild fruit notes of cherry and Asian plum, with an impressive delicacy and briskness at once. — **93 points Wine & Spirits Magazine, April 2014**

Fresh red berries, rose oil and Asian spices on the perfumed nose. Silky, open-knit raspberry and floral pastille flavors show good depth and become spicier with air. Quite suave, with plush red fruit note clinging on a long, smooth, subtly tannic finish. This sexy pinot should be in its prime within the next couple of years.

- **90 points Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar July 2012.**

