

CHEHALEM

CHEHALEM THREE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2013

Appellation: Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Harry
Peterson-Nedry
Closure: Screwcap
Alcohol: 12.9%
Certified Sustainably Grown

Vineyard

Fruit and the name come from our three Estate Vineyards: Ridgecrest, Stoller and Corral Creek, blended into a fully-complemented wine. The estate vineyards are planted on three different soil types, which provide complementary elements in resulting wines, especially Pinot noir: Ridgecrest on Willakenzie, Stoller on Jory, and Corral Creek on Laurelwood. The excellence and distinctiveness of single vineyards can be seen in vineyard designated labels for these vineyards. However, the wisdom of complementary blends, with their consistency and fullness of character is very often seen in Three Vineyard.

Reviews:

Here the nose is both more restrained and a bit more deeply pitched with soft hints of spice and sandalwood adding breadth to the darker fruit. There is a caressing mouth feel to the delicious, supple and sleek middle weight flavors that retain a fine sense of delineation on the dusty, palate coating and persistent finish. I very much like the balance and this too should reward several years of cellaring. **91/2019+ Burghound, Issue 58, 2015**

Light and sleek, open-textured and appealing, with delicate plum and guava flavors, riding on a glassy frame into a vivid finish. Drink now through 2023. **91 points Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator, Feb 29, 2016.**

Tasting Notes:

This Three Vineyard Pinot noir has struck a fantastic balance between the warm ripening season of 2013 and the cooler picking season right before harvest, giving us the best of both worlds in one wine. There is beautiful ripe black cherry and brambly cassis on the nose, with fresh wet earth and a tea leaf component. White pepper, dusty cocoa, tobacco, sweet loam, and raspberry accentuate the nose, providing a fresh, full, complex package. The palate is lithe and playful, with especially round, pliable acid, and an overarching flavor of rich cranberry sauce and rose hips. The finish is lengthy yet elegant, some silk-nap tannins throughout the wine, with what we all noted in one way or another as 'fresh yet supple,' and showing amazing clarity and beautiful balance.

Winemaker's Comments

This is our most widely distributed and earliest available Pinot Noir. It is a wine blended from all of our vineyards and bottled before the single-vineyard and reserve wines. The complementary nature of the lots that go into this blend is obvious in its full, early integration and its occasionally being considered superior to single vineyard wines. ALL Pinots are made with the same care, receive the same oak, are from the same estate vineyards, etc. — the Three Vineyard represents the very populist notion that egos and individuality may elevate some brothers and sisters, but the rest of us together are just as wise and powerful, sometimes even moreso. Beginning in 2003, with the reduction of single-vineyard bottling production quantities, barrels of single-vineyard quality are now returned to the Three Vineyard blend for even greater complexity.



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