



CRISTOM SOMMERS RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2012

Appellation: Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Steve Doerner

Closure: Cork

Alcohol: 14.0%



Vineyard

The 'Sommers' is comprised of grapes from our four estate vineyards along with some purchased fruit. It contains fruit from fourteen vineyard sites that include seven different Pinot Noir clones. Cristom introduced the "Sommers Reserve" with the 2004 vintage, replacing the Cristom Reserve designation and continuing stylistically as the same wine. 'Sommers' is Jessie's (of Jessie Vineyard) maiden name.

Tasting Notes

We often find a mix of cherry-cola, red forest berries, and meaty forest floor notes on the bouquet. The palate shows us red-velvet texture, camphor and sweet spice, finishing balanced and very complete. Mid-term cellaring is recommended.

Reviews

Lithe, focused and expressive, with wet earth—accented currant, pear and floral flavors, wrapped in gentle tannins and singing expressively on the well-modulated finish. A hint of chocolate adds richness. Best after 2017. .

91 points Wine Spectator, Feb 29, 2016

Vintage

2012 will be remembered as an excellent vintage across the Willamette Valley and produced rich, ripe expressions of Pinot Noir. The spring was warm and dry and lead to budbreak and bloom a week earlier than average. The summer months gave us plentiful sunshine and temperatures just below our twenty-year average. The beautiful weather stayed into the fall and we had the warmest October in ten vintages. Warm days allowed the fruit to stay on the vine and gain beneficial hang-time late into the month and extremely cool nights helped to retain bright acidity in the wines.

