



EVESHAM WOOD ILLAHE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2012

Appellation: Eola-Amity Hills; Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Erin Nuccio

Closure: Cork

Alcohol: 13.0%



Vineyard

Located about 15 miles southwest of Evesham Wood, Illahe Vineyard resides in the cool and misty foothills of the Coast Range. As with much of the fruit from Mahonia Vineyard, most of what originates from our friends at Illahe also makes its way into our Willamette Valley blend. But our favorite, most expressive barrels receive additional age in the caves.

Evesham Wood is deeply committed to sustainable viticultural and winemaking practices. We are a certified organic vineyard and winery, having obtained certification from the Oregon Tilth in 2000 and federally in 2002. Additionally, we are a charter member of the Deep Roots Coalition, an advocacy group for wines produced exclusively from non-irrigated vines.

Tasting Notes

The 2012 is deliciously forward with dark berries and a velvety texture balanced with ample acidity. 300 cases produced.

Vintage

Even before the first grape was picked the 2012 vintage was already considered a stellar vintage. Now that the wines have been in barrel for a while and the first releases are out the accolades are only growing. The warm, dry growing season has produced intense, concentrated wines.

About Evesham Wood

Evesham Wood wines are not widely seen in the USA, let alone in other countries. That's because they are made in such small quantities, and the winery has an intensely loyal following among private wine clubs and private collectors from mostly within the US, but also a scattering throughout the world. Consequently, the wines are rarely reviewed in the national or international press and are never shown in wine exhibitions. The wines are popular because they are good, and also because they represent a good value. Furthermore, the philosophy of Evesham Wood is to sacrifice quantity to ensure that the quality stays high. Thus, in marginal vintages, Evesham Wood makes much less wine, but it's still very good.

Although reviews are rare, two of the most respected international wine commentators **Allen Meadows (Burghound)** and **Matt Kramer** are unabashed fans of Evesham Wood. In his Burghound newsletter (Oct 2004), Allen Meadows stated "I have admired the Evesham Wood wines for many years". Matt Kramer (Wine Spectator and USA nationally syndicated wine journalist) says: "Evesham Wood winery is one of Oregon's very best producers. You won't find any flamboyant oakiness or flashy fruitiness designed to stand out in big tastings."

