

# **EVESHAM WOOD WILLAMETTE PINOT NOIR 2014**

Appellation: Willamette Valley; Oregon; USA

Winemaker: Erin Nuccio Closure: Cork Alcohol: 13.0%



#### Vineyard

Although the Willamette Valley bottling is our least expensive and largest production bottling we put just as much of ourselves into it as our top cuvées. Vineyards such as Eola Springs, Illahe and Mahonia who Evesham Wood has been working with for decades make up the bulk of the blend and those grapes are fermented in small lots and punched down twice a day

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**

Very forward with plum, dark cherry, red cherry with a slightly sweet smokiness reminiscent of a toasted marshmallow. It will be fun to watch this wine evolve over the next 5 years.

## Vintage

Bud break was a bit earlier than normal, followed by a warm and dry growing season all the way through the summer. We started picking in early September and like the 2012 vintage it was a race to get everything in before sugars soared and acid fell.

#### **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."

