



Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 16 years
Yield: 1.8 tons/acre
Harvest Sugars: 22.6 Brix

Enological Data:

pH: 3.62
Bottled: August 2009
12 Bottle Cases
Produced 281

2008 Pinot Noir Roosevelt

The Roosevelt Vineyard is a four-acre planting situated just south of the winery on Willakenzie soils. The south-facing hillside points to a steep precipice overlooking the magnificent Williams Canyon. It is a high density planting with 2100 vines per acre spaced approximately one meter by two meters apart. This, our premier Single Vineyard site, is a steep hillside vineyard that undergoes extensive pruning and cluster thinning to limit yields and maximize ripening in order to concentrate the fruit. Furthering our beliefs in ecological farming practices we now completely farm this site organically.

There is a quiet kind of excitement in the Willamette Valley after harvest 2008. Phrases and clichés keep rolling on such as classic cool climate, vintage conditions that are only dreamt of, potential to show the best of what Oregon has to offer. Add to this, repeated references to perhaps one of Oregon’s best vintages, 1999 and understandably many in the valley are smiling. Oregon’s 2008 growing season started late, with bud break on average ten days to two weeks behind schedule and followed with a relatively cool growing season. Thoughts of the recent wet and cool harvest of 2007 had many aggressively thin vineyards to concentrate fruit and speed up ripening and ward off disease pressure. Yet as in 1999, a beautiful Oregon autumn saved the day! Fall was spectacular with sunny days and cold nights, producing the tiny berries and small clusters not seen since the 1994 and 1998 vintages, laying the foundation to produce extraordinary wines.

Reviews

91 Pts. ~ Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate ~ October 2010

“The 2008 Pinot Noir Roosevelt Vineyard is from a 3-acre parcel planted in 1993 with high density spacing. It presents an already complex aromatic array of sandalwood, cinnamon, rose petal, black cherry, and black raspberry. On the palate it exhibits extra layers of savory fruit, impeccable balance, and enough underlying structure to evolve for 3-4 years. Drink it from 2013 to 2023. Elk Cove Vineyards’ 2008 collection is first rate.” — J.M.

93 Pts. ~ Tanzer International Wine Cellar ~ July/August 2010

“Bright ruby-red. Youthful, pungent aromas of dark berry and cherry skin, spicecake, pipe tobacco and dried rose. Weighty and supple in texture, offering sweet dark fruit flavors and notes of candied flowers and smoky herbs. A suave note of mocha arrives on the finish, which leaves sweet vanilla bean and candied blackberry behind. Generous and impressively concentrated pinot with a lot of immediate appeal but the depth to age well.” — J.R.

93 Pts. ~ Wine Spectator Insider (Hot Wines) ~ August 18, 2010

“Firm, focused and distinctive for the tangy edge to its mineral accented cherry, blackberry and charred meat flavors, melding easily into a single thrust on the complex and vivid finish. Best from 2011 through 2018.” — H.S.