



THE WINE: Our single vineyard 2008 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is produced from 100% Estate fruit grown and managed by the esteemed vigneron Mike Etzel located on the Beaux Frères Estate in the Ribbon Ridge AVA. This elegant Pinot Noir is bursting with the aromas of red cherry, fresh strawberries, raspberries, black currant fruits and forest floor. As the wine opens up, the fruit becomes more concentrated and complex. The supple tannins and acidity add to the wines complexity and structure that creates an expansive mouth feel with a silky finish. The wine is bright, refreshing and displays a medium ruby red color. This is a wine for lovers of classic Burgundian style Pinot Noir who expect balance and elegance in their wine.

THE VINEYARD: The Etzel Vineyard is located entirely within the Ribbon Ridge AVA, a sub-appellation of the Willamette Valley AVA on the Beaux Frères Estate. Ribbon Ridge is slightly warmer and drier than other regions of the Willamette Valley making it well suited for early bud break in Spring, even ripening in Summer and full maturing in Fall. The grapes for our wine were organically farmed and hand-harvested in the early morning from the Upper Terrance, a 10-acre south-facing hillside. The clones picked were 115 and 667.

THE VINIFICATION: The fruit is sorted by hand, destemmed, and allowed to cold soak. Once the native yeast takes off and fermentation begins, punch downs are performed by hand two to three times each day, and the temperature allowed to rise. The wine moves to press then to barrel sur lie. Reductive wine making, a Burgundian wine making technique, is employed to keep the wine exposure to oxygen to a minimum. The wine was then aged with its lees in 25 percent new Francois Frères French oak barrels before bottling and élevage lasted for 18 months.

Bottling: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bottled March 2010• AVA: Ribbon Ridge• Alcohol: 13.6%• pH: 3.81• TA: 5.2 g/L	Winemaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organic destemmed fruit• Open-top fermentation• Native yeast• 25% new French oak• Hand crafted & hand bottled
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