

Primarius

OREGON

Primarius is produced in Oregon, considered to be a cooler climate wine growing region, boasting a long, gentle growing season. With warm summers, mild winters and a long, often rainy springs, the Oregon's climate is particularly well matched to the early ripening Pinot Noir grape.

The grapes in Oregon benefit from growing on a variety of hillside slopes and on a range of soils, created by volcanic activity and sedimentary rock. While Pinot Noir may be the most popular grape grown in the Oregon – Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah are also produced in this region.

VINTAGE NOTE

2011 provided a vintage of extremes - the growing season was the latest and coolest in Oregon history except bud break, which started earlier than average with a big set. The very cool growing season called for more attention to vineyard management with additional hand-labor efforts needed for canopy management vinework. Dry weather held with a late-October through mid-November harvest. Overall quality was high, with phenolic ripeness and balanced sugar levels.

TASTING NOTE

Aromatics marry raspberry, red cherry and spice from the French oak. The flavors carry through on the palate with notes of berries, cherries and a lovely persistence of fruit.

WINEMAKING NOTE

It is sourced from 4 prized appellations within the Willamette valley of Oregon. The grapes were de-stemmed but not crushed, and then cold soaked for 4 days prior to fermentation which helps stabilize color and contributes elegant aromatics and balanced tannins.

The wines were fermented at 80 degrees for about 10 days. Some lots were fermented in Oak fermenters and some in 2 ton fermenters with punch downs.

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BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

BOTTLING

TA: 0.58

pH: 3.58

Alc: 12%

VINEYARD SOURCE

Waldo Hills Vineyard, Kraemer Farms Vineyard, Battle Creek Vineyard, Roe and Roe Vineyard, Howell Prarie Vineyard

AGING

Aged primarily with French Oak to impart a toasty oak note that complements the classic cherry note of this Pinot.

