



2011 Pinot noir

Zenith Vineyard

Release Date: May 26, 2013

Retail Price: \$36.00

Production: 850 cases

Crop Level: 2.2 tons/acre

**Harvested: October 28,
2011**

Bottled: February 2013

Alcohol: 12.5%

**Suggested Pairings: Sweet
meat entrees – grilled
salmon, lamb chops, and
filet**

**Aging Recommendations:
Up to 12 years**

Available Bottlings:

- 750 mL Bottles
- 1.5 L Magnums
- 3 L Jeraboams



Vineyard Notes

Zenith is our estate vineyard. It is centrally located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA 8 miles NW of Salem, Oregon. The grapes come from two older blocks planted with the 667 and 777 clones on a SW facing hillside and a young planting of Pommard clone Pinot noir that faces SE. All the blocks like on well-drained silty loam soil at an average elevation of 280'.

Production Notes

The destemmed grapes were fermented in small tanks after a two-day cold soak. The wine aged for 16 months in 31% new oak barrels and was bottled by gravity without fining.

Vintage Notes

2011 began with a very cool spring. This delayed shoot growth and the flowering phase occurred later than in any previous Oregon vintage. The summer was relatively warm and disease-free. The weather cooled in September and became cloudy by early October. With the late start of the season, the grapes desperately needed sun to complete the ripening process. By mid-October the sun returned and continued to shine into November. Harvest began in mid to late October and was the latest in our history. The vintage produced wines with very bright, discrete flavors and moderate alcohol. Their acidity, precisely detailed aromas, flavor expressions, and balance will make them excellent partners with food and allow our best wines to age more than a decade.

Tasting Notes

Our Estate wine, the 2011 Zenith Vineyard Pinot noir, has a rich nose of dark cherries, red raspberries with ground spices, and hints of smoke. In the mouth, layers of red and dark red fruit dominate the palate with rich mid-mouth tannins and a broad texture. There are hints of purple flowers and spices. This is a layered wine with dense flavors, full tannins, and a lovely backbone of acidity. Its multidimensional components will evolve over a dozen years.