



The Vintage - 2012 is already being compared to some of the all-time greatest vintages in the Willamette Valley. A traditional rainy spring was followed by a warm dry summer and fall, allowing for slow, even ripening. All of our pinot was harvested before the first rain, with the BRIX & pH reading at ideal levels, and without a spec of botrytis. In short, it was as close to perfect as a vintage can be.

Tasting Notes - 2012 Illahe Vineyards Willamette Valley Pinot Noir has a variety of red-fruit flavors ranging from strawberry to cherry to cranberry. This wine has a background of earthy flavors to give it a rustic, old-world style, and the finish evolves into savory flavors of baking spice and clove.

Illahe is a Chinook Jargon word meaning "earth," "land," or "soil." We feel this reflects both our location in Oregon, as well as our desire to craft wines which express the variety of soils on our beautiful 80 acre estate. Illahe Vineyards was established in 2000 by Lowell Ford, grower of Oregon grapes since 1983.

Suggested Retail \$20

Technical Data:

AVA: Willamette Valley

Winemaker: Brad Ford

Production: 2,050 cases

Alc. 14% by volume

pH: 3.6

Brix at Harvest: 24

Barrel Age: 9 months, 10% new French oak.

Note: hand-picked, hand sorted, wood basket pressed, barrel aged, hand bottled

Soil types: Shallow Sedimentary Clay

Certifications: Certified Sustainable, LIVE Certified, Salmon Safe

Press:

Wine Spectator 91 Points- 2010 Illahe Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Deftly balanced, framing mineral-accented blackberry and dark chocolate flavors with refined tannins and just enough acidity to keep the flavors singing on the wide-open finish.

Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made. -HS

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