

# Z'IVO Wines 2012 Pinot Noir

## Eola Amity Hills AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA

### WINEMAKER NOTES



Another amazing even numbered year for Pinot noir from the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. The spring and summer were disturbingly flawless. Moderately high daytime temperatures, excellent fruit set and low mildew pressure all lent their support for an excellent harvest. No rain for almost 100 days was balanced by adequate ground water and a blessed absence of scorching heat waves. The first mild rain during the last of harvest was a help not a hindrance.

The vintage is comprised of the free run of all 5 clones from our estate vineyard: Dijon 115, 777, 114, 667 and Pommard. It was matured in French oak, 1/3 new, 1/3 once used and 1/3 twice used. Barreled after 11 months it has not been released until now. Final alcohol of 14.5%.

985 cases produced. \$45 retail.

The nose is heavy with blackberry, blue plum, black cherry, anise, allspice and mushroom. The mid palate has unusual weight with soft tannins coating the mouth slowly releasing the spicy cherry fruit. The finish is very long, soft, fruity and velvety with tiny herbal and forest floor notes popping through. Enjoy between 2015-2020.



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Founder & Winemaker