



93 Pts. This is on the lighter side in terms of structure, but it's packed with rich cherry, blackberry, cinnamon and dusky spice character that plays against the refined tannins on the long finish. A hint of tarry rock informs the aromas on the finish. Best from 2016 through 2022. *-Harvey Steiman Wine Spectator*

Patton Valley Vineyard began in the 1980s as the pipe dream of college friends Dave Chen and Monte Pitt. They parted ways to separate coasts after graduation, but nearly a decade later the lure of the Willamette Valley brought them back together in a search for the perfect place for a vineyard. They ultimately settled on an abandoned 72-acre plum and cherry orchard overlooking the fertile Patton Valley outside of Gaston, Oregon. Though neither of them had any winery experience, their ethos of sustainability and love for the land have been the driving forces and inspiration for every decision since planting began in 1997. LIVE certified, Oregon Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe, our belief is that if terroir is a “sense of place” then our efforts and adoration are expressed in every glass.

Each vintage we produce two wines that take a closer look at sense of place. The contrast between our 10 Acre and West Block Pinot noirs exemplifies how slight geographical differences can have significant influence on the flavor profile of a wine. Planted in 1997, the 10 Acre block of Pinot noir is the oldest planting on our estate vineyard. Located on the east-facing slope, this area gets full sun in the cool morning hours, leading to a slower, more gradual ripening process and a wine that is typically elegant and lighter in body, with prevailing red fruit character.

The **2012 Patton Valley 10 Acre Pinot Noir** displays all of the site-specific qualities that typify this wine, while also exhibiting surprising bold black fruit characteristics. In the nose this Pinot swells with aromas of blackberry bramble, plum, and fresh baked cherry pie complimented by more subtle notes of nutmeg, allspice, potpourri, dried fig and wet stone. Broad, exquisitely soft tannins grace the palate with bright red fruit and crushed fennel enveloping the mouth. This wine can easily be aged for 5-10 years, but balanced acidity and elegant tannins make it approachable and enjoyable even in its youth.

289 cases produced

VINEYARDS 100% Patton Valley Vineyard LIVE Certified Sustainable		CLONES Dijon 114,115, 667, 777 Pommard
pH 3.67	HARVEST DATES 10.9 – 10.10, 2012	ALCOHOL 13.9%
ELEVAGE Aged for 11 months in 42% new French Oak Barrels		PRODUCTION Hand-Picked 100% Native Yeast Ferment Basket Pressed Unfined & Unfiltered

Patton Valley is a LIVE
 Certified Sustainable Winery.

