



VINEYARDS
100% Patton Valley Vineyard
LIVE Certified Sustainable

CLONES
Dijon 114,115, 667, Wädenswill

pH
3.67

HARVEST DATES
10.14 – 10.18, 2012

ALCOHOL
14.2%

ELEVAGE
Aged for 11 months in
47% new French Oak Barrels

PRODUCTION
Hand-Picked
100% Native Yeast Ferment
Basket Pressed
Unfined & Unfiltered

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92 Pts. Supple, expressive and harmonious, layering the raspberry, black cherry, smoke and spice flavors against refined tannins. Comes together smoothly on the long and vivid finish. Drink now through 2020. *-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 influences on the flavor profile of a wine. Our West Block Pinot noir is situated on the southwestern slope of our estate. This block, unlike the rest of the vineyard, receives full sun in the hotter afternoon hours which expedites the speed of ripening and creates bigger tannins and a darker fruit character in the wine.

The **2012 Patton Valley West Block Pinot Noir** is a wine that can warm you up as we emerge from a wet Oregon winter. In the nose, hints of apple wood smoke, rose petals, and berry pie are balanced by notes of toasted marshmallow, graham cracker and cacao. The palate is a symphony of blueberry, ripe cherry and hints of chestnut. The West Block demonstrates its sense of place with big, structured tannins that broaden the mouthfeel and accentuate the fruit. Ample late summer sun gives this wine saturated structure that lends to long term ageability. Though enjoyable now, this wine is in its infancy. Decant to drink it now, or if you have the patience, stow it away for 7-12+ years.

409 cases produced