



2007 Patton Valley Vineyard Lorna-Marie Pinot Noir Willamette Valley AVA

Harvest Dates:
Oct. 6th & 13th, 2007

Elevage:
11 months in 40% new
French oak

Alcohol:
13.3%

pH:
3.6

Clones:
115, Wadenswil, 777,
Pommard

Bottled unfined and
unfiltered.

115 cases produced

Grapes sourced
exclusively from our
Certified Sustainable
estate vineyard.

Patton Valley Vineyard
is dedicated to the
preservation of our
finite resources, and
employs sustainable
practices in both the
vineyard and the
winery. As a result,
we have earned
Salmon Safe and
LIVE certifications.
We are proud to bear
the Oregon Certified
Sustainable logo.



The Vintage

The 2007 growing season started off strong with a warm spring and continued moderate temperatures through the summer. With this ideal fruit maturation leading into the end of September, the rains began and persisted through October. Careful crop load management practices led to fully ripened fruit, even with cooler than normal temperatures. It is because of this diligent vineyard management that the vines and grapes withstood the pressure of mildew. October's cool nights prevented problems with botrytis, and when the rains subsided and the warmth returned, expert vineyard management again came into play to minimize the potential threat of botrytis. A challenging harvest, the wines display fully developed flavors with racy acidity.

The Wine

The 2007 Lorna-Marie is an example of the potential of Pinot noir to present itself elegantly and with refinement, while concealing a wild, willful soul. Floral lavender and potpourri scents are lifted over brooding aromas of clove, forest floor and sandalwood. The heart of the wine is a firm frame of just ripe enough tannin made solid by tightly grasping the tongue. This core is draped a red satin robe of sweet black cherry and red licorice flavors that fit loosely enough to be comfortable, but are cut just tight enough to reveal the wine's shape. The round, polished texture will immediately please the impatient, but an astute taster will appreciate its finer points: graceful movement, complex earthy black fruits and a finish best described as determined. This wine demonstrates that Patton Valley can create memorable and noteworthy wines in even the coolest and most challenging vintages. Cellar confidently for 8 years or more.