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2012 Nysa Vineyard Pinot Noir

Production: 147 cases

Bottled: July 24, 2014

Jacques Tardy, Winemaker

The Vintage:

The last four vintages have all had late starts and 2012 was no exception. The spring brought us warmer and dryer weeks than we had expected, and pushed budbreak over a week late. Despite record rain in March, the summer was dry, and temperatures reached into the 100s in early August. While harvest was planned for mid October, the warm east winds desiccated the ripening fruit throughout September and October, which forced our picking crews to the vineyards earlier on than planned. The clusters and berries were smaller than usual, because of losing moisture to the east wind, which left the vines yielding only half the usual numbers. The grapes had higher sugars, flavors were darker and the tannins were not consistently ripe.

The Vineyard:

Nysa Vineyard is located in the Dundee Hills AVA in the Willamette Valley. The mid-elevation of just over 600 feet, combined with the rich red Jory soil and its southeastern exposure, make Nysa a remarkable sight. A total of thirty three acres are cultivated each year of Pommard, Dijon and Wadenswil Pinot Noir clones.

The Cellar:

The grapes were harvest on October 19 and fermented in small fermenters. The wine is 100% Pommard Clone, and was aged in all French oak for 21 months. We used 33% new, 16% one year oak, and the rest in neutral French oak. The barrels were raked in June, then again in September after blending, until bottling.

The Wine:

The 2012 Nysa came out to be a powerful and extracted wine. The aroma lends roses, and dried blueberries and blackberries to the nose. It starts semi-sweet, with refined tannins and a bold, strong feel to the wine. The finish is long, with power and grace. A Cabernet lover's Pinot Noir. While the wine is good now with some aeration, it could do with a few years of cellaring to round out the rougher edges.

Wine Data:

pH 3.43

Total Acidity (T.A.) 0.645gr/100ml

Residual Sugar (R.S.) 0.2 gr/100ml

Alcohol 13.85%