



2013 La Nuit Magique Pinot Noir

"Seductive aromas of warm spice, coffee, Amarena cherry and a hint of caramel bewitch the senses and lure the palate. Rich dark cherry, black plum, and mission fig are tinged by nutmeg, inducing added longing at the end of an extended finish."

Gary Horner

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WINE HISTORY

"La Nuit Magique®," which is French for "The Magic Night," refers to the defining moment when one falls in love with Pinot Noir. As winery lore would have it, every passionate Pinot Noir winemaker has had that one defining, spell-binding bottle of Pinot Noir that hooked them forever - that one magic night! The finest barrels in the entire cellar are selected and blended to create this special cuvée in honor of that Magic Night when wine transcends the moment and becomes immortalized as one of life's great wine experiences.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2013 growing season began with an early bud break leading the way to a warm and dry summer, conditions setting the stage for an early harvest. Earlier than normal harvests can be problematic for cool climate varieties from the Pinot family in that they frequently take place under hot conditions, quite contrary to the favored long and cool growing seasons on which our region was founded. Fortunately, the warm beginning lead the way to a cool and extended finish translating to balanced wines of lower alcohol, higher acidity, and fruit flavors fresh and bright. Stylistically similar to the 2008, 2010 and 2011 vintages, these wines will pair beautifully with food and offer excellent cellaring potential.

APPELLATION
Willamette Valley

VINEYARDS
LELAND 40%, DION 40%,
WALDO HILLS 20%

BARREL REGIME
13 MONTHS, 50% NEW FRENCH OAK

HARVEST
SEPTEMBER 18 – OCTOBER 11

T.A.
0.58 gm/100mL

PH
3.74

ALCOHOL
13.0%

CASES
228 FCE