



Wonderful World of Wine

August 2026
Two-Rouge Club

2023 Willamette Valley Vineyards, Pinot Noir, Founders Reserve

Growing Region.....	Willamette Valley, Oregon
Varietal Composition.....	100% Pinot Noir
Fermentation.....	20% New, 80% Used French Oak
Alcohol Content.....	13.2%
Suggested Retail.....	\$45.00
WineSeller Club Price.....	\$26.00

Broad Strokes: 93 Points James Suckling

The winery's barrel-aged Pinot Noir is sourced entirely from nearly 500 acres of estate vineyards farmed by hand using sustainable practices.

Our approach is to grow the highest quality fruit using careful canopy management and yield balance, to achieve wines that are truly expressive of the varietal and the place where they are grown.

We ferment and barrel each vineyard lot separately and display the best of these in our single vineyard designate bottlings. Our stylistic emphasis is on pure varietal fruit characters, with attention to depth, richness of mouthfeel and balance. The wines are a collaborative effort of the vineyard and

Backed by community support and guided by stewardship of the land, the winery earned recognition as *"One of America's Great Pinot Noir Producers"* from *Wine Enthusiast* magazine.

Appearance:

Nice looking package in a slightly heavy above-standard bottle. The label is clean and reads well and has a very good back label story as well as pertinent information about the wine. And the "Stewards of the Land" stamp is cool but could be larger. The wine has the color of red cherry skin, getting light towards the rim of the glass.

Nose:

The delightfully assertive fragrances of Pinot Noir fruit, with rose petal, strawberry, red and earthy notes. Spicy. Fresh, ripe raspberries, with distance traces of mushrooms and truffle.

Texture:

Firm yet yielding acids surround this medium bodied, well-balanced beauty. It has a superior middle palate, illustrating what I believe identifies Oregon Pinot Noirs. Showing an even, smooth welcoming texture that lingers in your mouth well into the finish. Vibrant and supple.

Flavor:

Black and red fruits are subtle but long lasting in the palate. Vanilla, black tea, white pepper, earth tones (dark soil, fine herbs) come forward, with a touch of spearmint. The wine is delicious!

Serving Suggestions

Ready now for mild but rich dishes, use mushrooms and truffle if possible.

