

## 2012 Vintage Pinot Noirs

### 2012 Beaux Frères, Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

*Tasting Notes:* A very dark ruby purple with an intensely perfumed, aromatic display of dark raspberries, blueberry and black currants. Supple tannins, very opulent and full-bodied in the mouth, this is a deliciously forward and sexy style of pinot noir for us. It has the potential to evolve for another decade and may turn out to be the best Willamette Valley cuvée we have made.

**Aging potential - 10 years**

**Case production 2,500**

**About This Bottling:** *Our Willamette Valley cuvée features fruit grown on select vineyard sites in the Northern Willamette Valley. The wines benefit from the same in the winemaking process as our estate wines. The sites are farmed sustainably and managed to very low yields. We age the wine in the same French oak barrels used in our estate bottling, however the percentage of new oak is intentionally lower. This wine is not fined or filtered. This wine consists of fruit from the following vineyards: Gran Moraine 44%, Zena Crown 13%, Hyland 12%, Beaux Frères 11%, Madrona Hill 8%, Savoya 7%, Upper Terrace 3%, Trout Lily 2%.*



### 2012 Beaux Frères, Beaux Frères Vineyard Pinot Noir



*Tasting Notes:* The color is deep, dense ruby/purple. The nose begins with a classic display of forest floor, spice and flowery ripe black raspberries and blue fruits. This wine has a vague resemblance to a Richebourg from Burgundy. Full-bodied, with perfect harmony among all its components - tannin, acidity, alcohol, wood and extract.

**Drink between 2017 and 2027.**

**Case production 1,400**

**About This Bottling:** *This wine is made from the fruit grown on our original estate vineyard. The Beaux Frères Vineyard was planted by Mike & Jackie Etzel from 1987 - 1991 primarily to Pommard & Wädenswil clones on their own roots. This 23 acre vineyard started out with conventional farming techniques but in 2002 Mike started following the principals of biodynamics. An average vine age of about 23 years puts this vineyard in the prime of its life. This wine as always is 100% from our original estate vineyard.*

### 2012 Beaux Frères, Upper Terrace Pinot Noir

*Tasting Notes:* The most noble of our wines is also the most restrained and backward at this time. However, it has the highest potential. Gorgeous yet subtle notes of plum, Asian spice, black and blue fruits and forest flora emanate from the perfume. Full-bodied but still holding back, it has great delineation, focus, purity and richness. Some patience will be essential to appreciate the future glories of this very limited cuvée from our steep terraced vineyard. It is the finest Upper Terrace since the debut vintage-the 2002.

**Easily 15+ years of aging potential.**

**Case production 580**

**About This Bottling:** *Our Upper Terrace Vineyard is planted on a steep South facing slope to Pinot Noir Dijon clones 113, 114, 115, 667, and 777 on three different rootstocks. The site has sedimentary soils and a slightly higher elevation than the Beaux Frères vineyard.*

