

Beaux Frères



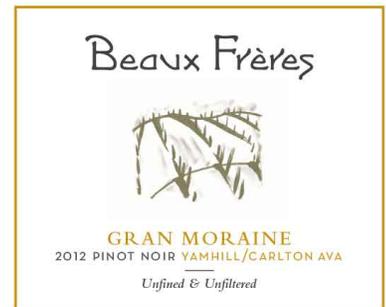
2012 Vineyard Designate Pinot Noirs

2012 Beaux Frères, Gran Moraine Vineyard Pinot Noir

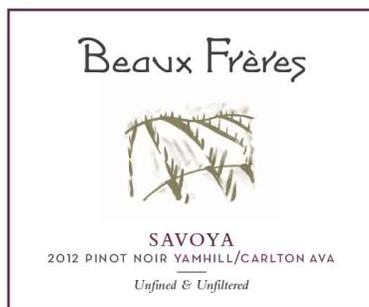
This wine hails from the Yamhill – Carlton AVA and was planted in 2005. It sits on a Willakenzie series of soils. Our fruit comes from the sun-drenched eastern slope of a beautiful bowl shaped from well- drained sedimentary soils just west of Carlton. We destemmed all of the fruit except for 50% of one fermenter which we left whole cluster. Loving the richness of the whole cluster we blended it with the destemmed fruit for a fully stacked wine.

Tasting Notes: This is a densely hewn wine – rich, savory and layered with blue-black fruit, roasted game meats and cocoa powder. The tannins are wonderfully ripe, rich and round. There is a mouth coating density that makes this our most full-throttle Vineyard designate of the 2012 vintage.

216 cases produced



2012 Beaux Frères, Savoya Vineyard Pinot Noir



Planted in 1999 in the Yamhill-Carleton AVA this two acre vineyard is situated at 450 feet on Willakenzie and Wellsdale soil series. This is the home vineyard of Ken and Karen Wright and we were able to source equal parts of Dijon clones 115 & 777. After tasting the fruit we decided to ferment the 777 with 25% whole cluster and to fully destem the 115.

Tasting notes: The 777 lot was imprinted with aromatics of milk chocolate, cinnamon and ripe cherries. The 115 exhibited candied red fruit (think Cherries and raspberries) with an interesting - savory, spiced pork bun nose. We blended the two lots in equal proportions and the resulting wine is multidimensional, filled with exotic spice, heady red fruit and a silky sweet palate that is almost dangerous once opened.

48 cases produced

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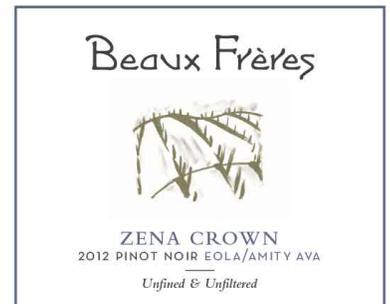
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2012 Beaux Frères, Zena Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir

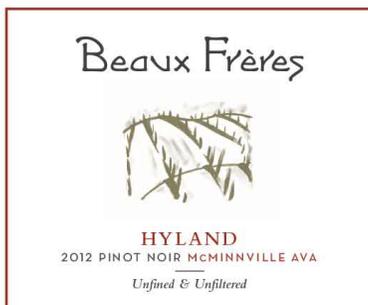
Planted in 2003 in the Eola-Amity AVA at a 450 foot elevation on a south-east facing slope of volcanic basalt. Positioned so that the cool winds from the coast through the Van Duzer corridor give this fruit (and resulting wines) a wonderful balance between fruit, structure and electrifying acidity. The fruit arrived impeccably ripe, we destemmed the majority of the fruit, leaving one vat of 20% whole cluster. The barrels are 100% French and we used about 40% first year barrels.

Tasting Notes: The 2012 Beaux Frères–Zena Crown is imbued with aromas of nutmeg and Asian five spice stitched together with black current and wet granite; and a pallet that almost shimmers with lively acidity. What makes this wine special is how the acids and ripe tannins create an amazing mid palate and the extremely long finish.

261 cases produced



2012 Beaux Frères, Hyland Vineyard Pinot Noir



Located in the McMinnville AVA on volcanic soils at an elevation of 600 feet. We are fortunate to have access to this own-rooted Coury clone planted in 1974. These vines are some of the oldest in the valley and in our cellar. This was our first vintage to work with this iconic vineyard – we knew from the start that there was something special about this wine. It showed amazing intensity and was one of the most vibrant. We aged this wine in seasoned French oak (second and third fill barrels) to preserve the subtle textures and so as not to overburden the wine with oak.

Tasting notes: Pn the nose ...frangrances of fresh, wild berries with a graceful mineral thread, but underneath is a complex matrix of secondary aromatics resembling grapefruit peel, guava and citrus oil. The mouth feel is sleek and full of tension with a crystalline finish.

100 cases produced