



# REX HILL

## *2009 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir*

APPELLATION:	<i>Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA</i>
VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	<i>100% Pinot Noir</i>
HARVEST DATA:	<i>September 23 - October 20, 2009</i>
VINEYARD SOURCES:	<i>Multiple high-quality sites situated around the Willamette Valley including: Jacob Hart, Sims, Carabella, La Colina, Shea, and others.</i>
CELLAR TREATMENT:	<i>Aged 10 months in: 28% new barrels, 35% 1-year old barrels, 37% 2-year or 3-year old barrels</i>
DATE BOTTLED:	<i>September 2010</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>6,162 cases (12/750ml)</i>
BOTTLING CHEMISTRY:	<i>pH 3.68, TA 5.4g/l, Alcohol 13.5%</i>

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2009 REX HILL Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a classic example of Oregon Pinot Noir from a vintage that gave us intense fruit and intense flavors. Initial perfumed aromatics redolent of violets and roses, black currants, blueberries, black raspberries and wild strawberries are joined by suggestions of tobacco leaf, clean earth, dried fruit, smoke and spice as the wine opens. Some whole-cluster fermentation contributes dark fruit, tea and savory aromatic characteristics. The attack is rich with beautifully ripe tannins and flavors of red fruits and the blue fruits which are a hallmark of the vintage.

The lithe mid-palate finds additional complexity and finishes strong with lingering minerality, graphite and spices. This wine has the intensity, structure and concentration to age and become more complex over the next 15 to 20 years.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

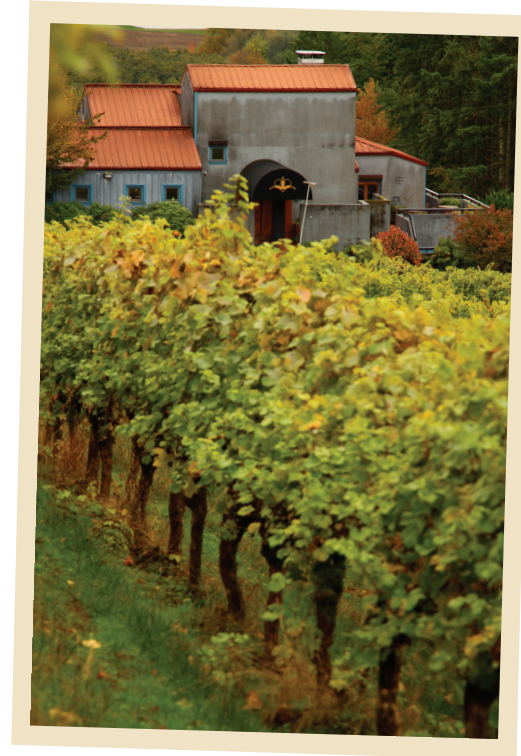
Spring blossomed in 2009 gloriously warm boosting the vines into early budbreak. Summer stayed warm occasionally punctuated by rain until the heat came in earnest with record highs. The first part of August cooled down with rain followed by sun until Labor Day when a late summer heat wave pushed temperatures back into the 90's. We achieved almost record hang time in most vineyards creating much work and green thinning passes in the vineyards to keep yields in line at an average of 2.5 tons per acre. It was a long harvest resulting in wines which exhibit elegance, beautiful balance and softness.

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