

2008 Balcombe Vineyard

Dundee Hills Appellation



WINERY:

Patricia Green Cellars is located in Ribbon Ridge, a small viticultural area in Yamhill County. The 52 acre Estate property is at the heart of the winery that produces Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from some of Oregon's finest vineyard sites. Owners Patricia Green and Jim Anderson use a combination of attention to detail in their vineyards, (all of which are non-irrigated) practical experience in winemaking and a passion for what they do to create balanced, textured, beautiful, unique and critically acclaimed wines.

OWNERS' COMMENTS

2008 Balcombe Vineyard: Balcombe Vineyard is simply one of the best vineyards we work with and every year it produces wines of terrific quality that are absolutely true to the Dundee Hills. For those of you who don't know this site is located toward the top of the Dundee Hills on Breyman Orchard Rd. It was planted in 1990 to Pommard and we have worked with the fruit every year since 1997 so we have become pretty accustomed to how the grapes grow, ripen and ferment into wine. All of these aspects are very important pieces of making high quality Pinot Noir.

What we especially love about the 2008 vintage is seen easily in the difference between this, the regular bottling of Balcombe Vineyard and the block designated Balcombe Vineyard, Block 1B bottling that we produce. Each vintage these wines offer a contrast in style from the same site. However, this year the contrast is so stark and the wines are so quintessentially the essence of what we expect them to be that the comparison is quite striking. This bottling has the sweetness of red fruit, high-toned acidity and super-silky tannins that make Balcombe Vineyard such a terrific and sought after site. There is a great deal of intensity in this particular wine and while the nature of this wine tends toward femininity and elegance there is an underlying darkness and strength to it that provide a whole different level of dimension. Fans of this bottling will love this vintage as it is mouth-watering, smooth, rich and possesses so much substance that it will be terrific for many years down the road.

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