

Patrícia Green Cellars

2008 Pinot Noir Reserve



WINERY:

Patrícia 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 Patrícia 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:

The Reserve program has evolved from an every-so-often produced bottling to the mainstay of our production. Starting at 200 cases in 2002 we ramped this up to 2,350 cases in 2007 and bottled just over 1,800 cases (along with 200 cases of 375 ML bottles) again in 2008. This bottling allows us to accomplish two things that are very important to us as a winery. The first thing is that it allows us to use barrels from our vineyard designated sites that we think don't represent what we think that site's profile truly is. Sometimes that is based on vine age, clonal material or location within the site. This allows our vineyard designated wines to be true expressions of the site on a year in and year out basis. Secondly, it allows us to create a blended wine that has a degree of consistency to it each vintage that is of high-quality. We are wine consumers just as we are winemakers and we understand the absolute necessity for good quality Pinot at more of an every day sort of price.

In our minds this is far and away the best bottling of this we have ever done. The mix of wines is sensational incorporating barrels from stalwart vineyards such as Balcombe, Whistling Ridge, Winderlea, Ana, Croft and Ana into regular sites such as Cattrall, Croft-Williamson, Bradley, Four Winds and Estate. In fact, more than 60% of this wine comes from vines planted prior to 1990. To us this wine is a perfect reflection of this vintage. There are wonderful sweet, flowery aromatics, the wine is purely red-fruited with Griotte cherries and Oregon strawberries making up the mid-palate and there is just enough acidity and tannin to give the wine balance, depth and length. This is meant to drink well when young (and it does) but there is no doubt that this will be a surprisingly age-worthy bottle of Pinot Noir. This is a wine that is worth stocking up on for every day enjoyment and some medium-term cellaring. A classic, true-blue Oregon Pinot Noir!

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