



2005 “Deux Verres” Reserve Pinot Noir

Production: 710 cases
Bottled: September 14, 2006
Release Date: March 2007
Retail Price: \$45.00

Jacques Tardy, Winemaker

The Vintage

2005 returned to “normal” following two hot and dry vintages. Bud break came a little early in March, followed by a cold and rainy April, delaying the growth some. Bloom began mid-June with more cool and wet weather that limited the fruit set. This all resulted in an uneven set with small shotberries mixed with more normal size berries. The summer was dry and warm with fewer days above 90 degrees than the two precious vintages. The resulting low yields and beautiful fall weather together created intensely expressive fruit.

The Vineyards

Seven distinct vineyards are represented in this beautiful Pinot. Distinctive by Appellation:

Dundee Hills AVA: La Colina Vineyard (51.52%)...Bella Vida Vineyard (13.64%)...Olson Vineyard (4.55%)

Eola-Amity Hills AVA: Anden Vineyard (9.09%)

Chehalem Mountains AVA: Chehalem Mountain Vineyard (13.64%)...Hawks View Vineyard (9.09%)...Alloro Vineyard (6.06%)

The Cellar

The 2005 “Deux Verres” Pinot noir aged for 10 months in 20.60% new French oak. Although some representative vineyard’s best barrels are in their respective Single Vineyard Designate bottling, the exceptional quality of additional barrels warrants inclusion in this special blend.

The Wine

After some aeration, the “Deux Verres” reveals its aroma, displaying red cherries and lavender. As the wine rests in the glass undisturbed for a moment, dark cherries, light mushroom and earth notes appear. The flavors display a sweet mix of cherries with more red cherries showing at first, followed by a mix of dark cherries and dark chocolate. The wine has a crisp acidity that leads to a long finish, displaying the same red and dark cherries with chocolate, notes of earth, thyme and other cooking herbs, followed by a touch of sweet vanilla and a hint of spiciness.

Wine Data

pH 3.75
Total acidity (T.A.) 0.57gr/100ml
Residual sugar (R.S.) 0.2gr/100ml
Alcohol 13.1%

“Through this Torii Mor, this Earth gate, we step, to make glad the soul, with wine”