



OREGON: AN EMBARRASSEMENT OF RICHES AND RICHNESS

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2017 Pinot noir Villages Cuvée – 91 points

Dark red. Spice-accented cherry and raspberry aromas show very good clarity and pick up a suave floral accent with air. Juicy and focused on the palate, showing very good energy and lift to its subtly sweet red fruit and spicecake flavors. Nicely concentrated but lithe in character, finishing long and smooth, with rounded tannins making a late appearance.

2016 Pinot noir Justice Vineyard – 94 points

Brilliant red. Sharply focused red currant, cherry, Asian spice and floral aromas are complemented by suggestions of licorice and succulent herbs. Lively and expansive on the palate, offering sappy red fruit, violet pastille, spicecake and bitter chocolate flavors that unwind slowly, picking up sweetness and a touch of white pepper. Harmonious tannins gently firm the finish, which lingers with excellent focus and repeating florality. (28% new French oak)

2016 Pinot noir Shea Vineyard – 94 points

Lurid red. Heady, mineral- and spice-accented red and blue fruit, incense and a sexy floral nuance on the seductively perfumed nose. Deeply concentrated yet energetic on the palate, offering intense black raspberry, cherry liqueur, spicecake and candied rose flavors and a building suggestion of Asian spices on the back half. Finishes silky, sweet and extremely long, with resonating floral and spice notes and round, even tannins that lend shape and gentle grip.

2016 Pinot noir Freedom Hill Vineyard – 94 points

Vivid red. Powerful, smoke- and mineral-accented red fruit preserve, exotic spice and potpourri aromas show superb clarity and lift. Sweet and energetic on the palate, offering vibrant black raspberry, cherry liqueur, spicecake and floral pastille flavors that show outstanding definition and back-end thrust. Weighty yet elegant as well, closing extremely long and appealingly sweet, with powerful, mineral thrust and slinky, slow-building tannins that fade steadily away.

2016 Pinot noir Temperance Hill Vineyard – 94 points

Translucent red. Mineral-accented black raspberry, cherry cola and lavender scents are complemented by floral and licorice notes and a spicy nuance that gains strength in the glass. Well-concentrated yet lively as well, offering palate-staining red and blue fruit, spicecake and floral pastille flavors supported by a spine of smoky minerality. Finishes extremely long and smooth, displaying lingering red berry and five-spice powder qualities and slow-building tannins. (29% new French oak)

2016 Pinot noir Momtazi Vineyard – 93 points

Full, brilliant red. Powerful black raspberry, cherry and potpourri scents are complemented by hints of incense and dusty minerals. Fleshy and concentrated but energetic as well, offering juicy dark fruit and spicecake flavors that firm up with air and are sharpened by a spicy jolt of white pepper. Finishes smoky and impressively long, with resonating spice and floral notes, building tannins and subtle sweetness.

2016 Pinot noir Zenith Vineyard – 93 points

Deep, bright-hued red. Spice-accented cherry and black raspberry aromas are complemented by hints of woodsmoke, baking spices and pungent flowers. Densely packed and energetic on the palate, offering cherry, red berry and candied rose flavors that become sweeter as the wine opens up. Lingers with strong persistence and sneaky tannins, leaving behind sappy red fruit preserve and floral notes.