Rocky Point Cellars

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

2011

PINOT NOIR

Le Cadeau Vineyard Lot 50

VINEYARD DETAILS

Le Cadeau Vineyard, Parrett Mountain, Chehalem Mountain AVA, Willamette Valley Oregon. Widzel Soil (broken basalt rock with minimal topsoil) – aspect south with southwest roll; elevation 675'.

THE WINE

Lot 50 is crafted from 75% Pommard with the remaining 25% a mix of cofermented Dijon and heirloom clones. The Pommard as always brings forward darker color and nice tannins, the mixture of Dijon and heirloom clones bring brighter aromatics such as cranberry, raspberry and cherry. This was a vintage where the blending of a variety of clones brought more complexity and depth to the final blend. The fruit was hand picked and hand sorted - 100% whole berry to the ferementer.

The wine aged in barrel for 16 months in 40% new ERMITAGE French oak barrels - one 48 month seasoned, Light toast, Troncais; one 36 month seasoned, Light toast, Allier; and the remaining barrels twice filled 36 month seasoned, Light toast, Troncais/Vosges.

After filtration and fining, the wine was bottled in March of 2013. We held onto this wine longer than our usual 2 year bottle time prior to release. The result? Gorgeous silky integrated polished tannins and a wine that is ready to be enjoyed now. Or tomorrow. Or next year.

TASTING NOTES

Bright garnet in color with aromas of sweet wet earth, dried orange peel, clove, white pepper, black cherry, and dried strawberry. Hints of graphite, sandalwood and sweet violets on the palate with lingering notes of cranberry and dried strawberry at the finish. Soft mid palate moving nicely to a well polished finish.



VINTAGE DETAILS

Harvest Date: October 27th, 2011

Yield: 1.9 Tons per Acre

Brix: 22.5

pH: 3.48

Alcohol: 12.8%

100% Whole Berry

Barrel Aging: 16 months in 40% new ERMITAGE French oak barrels - one 48 month seasoned, Light toast, Troncais; one 36 month seasoned, Light toast, Allier; and the remaining barrels twice filled 36 month seasoned, Light toast, Troncais/Vosges.

> Clone(s): 75% Pommard; 25% Heirloom Dijon Clones

Vine Age: 5 & 9 Y.O.

AVA: Parrett Mountain, Chehalem Mountain AVA, Willamette Valley Oregon

Cases Produced: 120

Released: November 2015

Retail Price: \$65