



2011 PALI "ALPHABETS" PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OR

The 2011 vintage in the Willamette Valley was very similar to 2010, which was a typical one for Oregon. The long, cool growing season produced wines of great structure and balance as opposed to 2008 and 2009, where the wines were dominated by up front, ripe, almost candied, fruit. The 2011 "Alphabets" is deep garnet in color, with a nose of dried cherry, cranberry, cinnamon and a touch of smoke. The palate shows Bing cherry, red raspberry and white pepper, with bright acidity, firm tannins and excellent structure.

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley AVA in Oregon

Cooperage: 10 months in barrel; 30% new French oak

Technical Data: 13.3% alcohol by volume; bottled September 2012; 4,800 cases produced