

## *Seven Springs Vineyard*

Located on the eastern side of the Eola Hills ridge about 5 miles from Bethel Heights Vineyard, Seven Springs is owned and managed by our good friend Joni Weatherspoon. For many years we have admired wines from Seven Springs Vineyard made by other winemakers. In 2002 for the first time we were able to purchase some Seven Springs fruit for ourselves.

The block of vines from which Bethel Heights received fruit in 2002 is composed of own-rooted Pommard clone Pinot noir vines planted in 1989. The elevation of this southeast facing block is approximately 500 feet. The soil is currently classified as Jory series.

### *Certified Sustainably Grown*

Seven Springs Vineyard follows sustainable agricultural practices as certified by LIVE Inc. and Salmon Safe™. **LIVE** is accredited under international standards of Integrated Production. For details go to [liveinc.org](http://liveinc.org). **Salmon Safe™** certifies farming practices that restore and protect healthy streams and rivers. For details go to [salmonsafe.org](http://salmonsafe.org).

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2002 PINOT NOIR • SEVEN SPRINGS VINEYARD

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Harvest date: October 16, 2002

Grapes at harvest: Brix: 25.5, pH: 3.21, TA: 8.5 gr/liter

Finished wine: Alcohol 13.9%, pH: 3.63, TA: 6.0 gr/liter

Barrel aged 10 months in 60% new oak

Bottled unfiltered in September 2003

140 Cases Produced

Suggested Retail \$ 38

**The 2002 vintage:** In many ways the 2002 vintage was quite similar to 2001. Bloom in mid-June under sunny skies set a large crop that had to be thinned aggressively. Sunny and unusually dry weather persisted through the summer, bringing good flavor and sugar development in the fruit with no disease pressure. Harvest took place in mid October with no sign of rain.

**Winemaker Notes:** There is no vineyard in the north Willamette Valley more highly valued by winemakers than Seven Springs. Year after year it produces consistently high quality Pinot noir grapes. Other vineyards may ripen their fruit earlier, but the few extra days of hang time at Seven Springs rewards you with great acid balance and focused red and black fruit.

Expect this wine to develop character and depth in the bottle, winning you over with complexity and balance rather than overwhelming force.