

*Bethel Heights 2001
Willamette Valley Pinot Noir*

This is our house antidote to the recession blues. We selected our most immediately appealing, forwardly fruity Pinot noir barrels of the vintage and blended them into a wine that can be enjoyed while it's young, saving us all the time of cellaring and giving plenty of immediate gratification. Or, for those who are trying to assemble a cellar on a budget, this wine will continue to improve for the next five to seven years.

Oregon's 2001 vintage

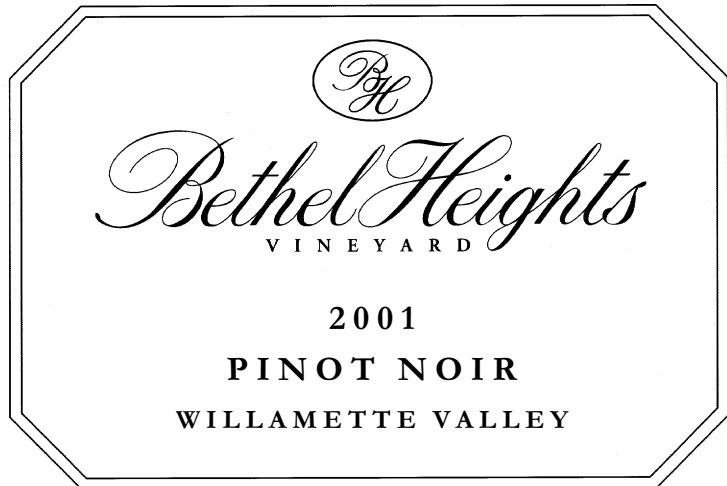
2001 followed the typical pattern of a good Oregon vintage, very similar to 2000. Sunny skies during bloom resulted in a large crop that required very aggressive thinning to bring the crop load down to two tons per acre. The Summer was dry, but a shot of rain in September kept the vines healthy through the ripening period. Harvest took place in early October with no rain. In spite of repeated thinning, this was our largest crop since 1987.

“Oregon’s Willamette Valley has produced four outstanding vintages (1998 through 2001) and has emerged as the de facto - and affordable - Pinot Noir capital of the New World.”

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Harvest date: October 8, 2001

Source: 14% Bethel Heights Vineyard,
42% Lewman Vineyard, 44% Justice Vineyard

Grapes at harvest: Brix: 23.0-24.2, pH: 3.2-3.4, TA: 7.0 gr/liter

Barrel aged 10 months in Center of France oak, 30% new

Finished wine: Alcohol 13.5%, pH: 3.59, TA: 5.6 gr/liter

1500 Cases Produced, Bottled January 2003

Suggested Retail \$ 15

Winemaker notes: Grapes for this blend came primarily from two vineyards contiguous to Bethel Heights Vineyard on the south, Lewman and Justice. Justice provided the forward fruit typical of young vines and Lewman contributed the structure that will give the wine aging potential. As often happens, two lots which were very good separately became a better wine when blended together, with a dash of Bethel Heights Southeast Block to round it out.

Lewman Vineyard was planted in 1992. The Pinot noir is about half Wädenswil clone and half Dijon clone 115, at a density of 2400 vines per acre (compared to 540 vines per acre in older Oregon vineyards, such as the original plantings at Bethel Heights).

Justice Vineyard was planted in 1999 to four clones of Pinot noir on early ripening rootstocks, spaced at 2000 vines per acre. The 2001 vintage was the first crop off three year old vines.