

*Bethel Heights 2002  
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 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. Harvest took place in early October with no sign of rain

*"Tasting the 2002 vintage from barrel on a recent visit to Oregon, I found uniformly rich, well-balanced wines that promise extraordinary quality."*

Harvey Steiman  
The Wine Spectator, June 2003

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Harvest date: October 6 - 20, 2002

Source: 53% Bethel Heights Vineyard,  
22% Justice Vineyard, 14% Freedom Hill Vineyard,  
14% Seven Springs Vineyard, 4% Nysa Vineyard

Grapes at harvest:

Brix: 23.8 - 25.7, pH: 3.2 - 3.4, TA: 6.5 - 8.5 gr/liter  
Barrel aged 10 months in Center of France oak, 30% new

Finished wine:

Alcohol 13.5%, pH: 3.54, TA: 5.7 gr/liter  
1759 Cases Produced, Bottled September 2003  
Suggested Retail \$ 15

**Winemaker notes:** This Willamette Valley Pinot noir blend includes fruit from all the vineyards in the Valley from which we source grapes. The largest contributor is our own Estate vineyard, and it is quite a selection this time: all our best blocks are there, including the Southeast, West, and Flat Blocks, with the largest percentage coming from our South Block.

Production for the vintage was limited, both by nature, and more importantly, by rigorous thinning early in the growing season. The most structured wines we have made since 1999, this first release of the 2002 Pinot noirs from Bethel Heights has the power for a long period of development in the bottle if you are patient, or provides the forward fruit that will complement tonight's dinner. Enjoy this classic vintage.