



De Ponte Cellars

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Wine: Baldwin Family Reserve

Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2011

Vineyards: De Ponte Cellars Estate
Vineyard

AVA: Dundee Hills

Aging Potential: 10-15 years

Alcohol: 13.4%

Production: 171 Cases (750ml), 150 magnums (1.5L), 10 (3L), 5 (5L)

Barrel Aging: 80% new French Oak, remainder in 2-5 year old French oak, aged for 12-16 months.

Vintage Notes: Another earlier than had been the norm bud break was followed by a warm, dry summer until mid August when an uncharacteristic thunder and lightning storm brought the valley over an inch of rain in just an evening. Things dried again, allowed for normal picking schedules to resume until a late September rain storm. Fortunately for De Ponte, all fruit was picked and on its way to become wine. It is a vintage that has been enjoyable through fermentation, barrel aging and now in bottle.

Tasting Notes: Attractive nose of cherry with notes of mocha, pine and a hint of thyme. It shows impressive balance, with present but well integrated tannins, the wine shows great depth and succulent flavors. With a bright, juicy finish of flowers, spices and caramel this wine will without a doubt gain even more complexity over the next decade.

Food Pairings: Braised short ribs with chanterelles or risotto with truffles.

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