



De Ponte Cellars

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Wine: Estate Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2011

Vineyards: De Ponte Cellars Estate
Vineyard

AVA: Dundee Hills

Aging Potential: 10-12 years

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 172 Cases (750ml), 150 magnums (1.5L), 10 (3L), 5 (5L)

Barrel Aging: 50% 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: Beautiful and delicate nose of cardamom subtly mixed with fresh red fruit and a touch of rose petal. This Pinot Noir shows a polished texture accented by layers of sweet fruit, dark spices and caramel notes backed by graceful acidity and minerality. Culminating with a long, elegant finish, the Estate is the perfect example of the precision and clarity that was achieved in 2011. A pleasure to drink now, but it will continue to delight for the next 10 years.

Food Pairings: Herb crusted salmon, roasted leg of lamb with rosemary

