



## ROADS END OREGON PINOT NOIR 2009

### TECHNICAL DATA

#### COMPOSITION:

100% Willamette Valley Oregon Pinot Noir

- approx 25% **Meredith Mitchell Vineyard**, McMinnville AVA
- approx 25% **Nysa Vineyard**, Dundee Hills AVA
- approx 50% **Russell-Grooters Vineyard**, Yamhill-Carlton AVA

**Average age of vines:** 18 Years

**Harvest dates:** Sept 24 – Oct 10, 2009

#### FINISHED WINE:

**Glu+fru:** 0.04 g/100ml

**pH:** 3.71

**Titrateable Acidity (TA):** 0.57 g/100mL

**Alcohol:** 14.9 % vol

**Cooperage:** Cadus, Ermitage, others: ~50% new, ~50% 1–2-year-old French oak

**Time in Barrel:** 10 months

**Release Date:** March 1, 2011

**Total Production:** 288 cases

**Meredith Mitchell** vineyard, located southwest of the city of McMinnville in the McMinnville AVA, was planted in 1988 on thin Yamhill-variety soils, with broken basalt scattered throughout. Low yields, rocky soil, and pronounced ripeness with driving acidity contribute to a jammy intensity.

**Nysa** vineyard, in the Dundee Hills AVA, is on volcanic Jory soil with basalt bedrock 8–12 feet below the surface. It was first planted in 1990 on own-rooted Pommard and Wädenswil followed by 2000 plantings of resistant stock grafted to the 115 Dijon clone and finally plantings of Pommard on resistant rootstock after 2004.

**Russell-Grooters** vineyard, our own estate vineyard planted on well-drained Wellsdale sedimentary soils, makes its second appearance in the 2007 Roads End. First planted in 2003, it features 777 Dijon on *Riparia Gloire* rootstock, and Wädenswil and 828 Pommard on both 3309 and 101-14 rootstocks. These vines contribute bright, intense fruit notes all the way from blueberry and black cherry to plum and cassis.

#### **WSA Tasting Panel notes:**

Bright, pale to medium ruby with a brickish tint. Medium-plus-intense, predominantly youthful aromas are complex and of dark earth, mushroom, black cherry and marionberry with underlying hints of cocoa and mint. The wine is dry with medium body, medium-plus tannin, medium acid, prominent alcohol and medium-intense youthful flavors of black cherry, marionberry, Italian plum, clove and nutmeg persisting on the palate with a medium-plus-length finish.

(Notes by the [Wine & Spirit Archive](#) (WSA) • Tasting date: February 20, 2011)