

# ELK COVE

## VINEYARDS

### 2012 Roosevelt



**VINTAGE 2012** will go down as one of the finest in Oregon history in terms of quality of the raw materials. Mother Nature really smiled on us with not only a rain-free harvest season but perhaps more importantly with tiny berries and clusters. The small fruit allowed us to effortlessly and gently extract concentration and ripe tannins from the perfectly formed grapes.

According to owner/winemaker Adam Campbell "The wines from 2012 remind me and my folks of classic vintages like 1998 and 1994. Small clusters and berries give us an amazing skin-to-juice ratio, allowing us to be incredibly gentle through fermentation and still come up with powerful concentration and ripeness of fruit."

Early reviews of the 2012 vintage use descriptors like "Stunning", "Amazing" & "Epic" making Oregon winemakers giddy that 2012 could go down as the best vintage in our 50 year winemaking history.

**VINEYARD:** Roosevelt vineyard was planted in 1993 and has quickly become Elk Cove's most prized vineyard site. A four-acre high-density (2100 vines per acre) planting situated just south of the winery on Willakenzie soils, Roosevelt's south-facing hillside slopes to a steep precipice overlooking the magnificent Williams Canyon.

Roosevelt undergoes extensive pruning and cluster thinning to limit yields and maximize ripening to concentrate the fruit and is managed using completely organic practices. All of these elements combine to consistently produce one of Oregon's finest Pinot Noirs.

**WINEMAKING:** All of Elk Cove's delicate Pinot Noir fruit undergoes the same gentle handling through our gravity flow system. This allows us to achieve the elegance, texture and luscious quality that are the hallmarks of exquisite Pinot Noir.

This reserve level pinot noir is produced exclusively from grapes from our Roosevelt Vineyard. The wine is fermented in 70% new oak and only the best barrels are selected to create what many consider Elk Cove's finest Pinot Noir.

**TASTING NOTES:** *Dark blackberry pie, sandalwood and cocoa on the nose, with huge fruit on the palate: dark plum, black raspberry, and marionberry dominate with notes of tobacco-leaf, baking chocolate and roasted beets. This is a structured wine with huge fruit backed up by substantial, well-integrated oak.*

#### VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY:

Vine Age: 20 years  
Yield: 1.75 tons/acre  
Harvest Sugars: 24 brix  
Vatting: Fermentation in small open top steel fermentors.  
10 months in French oak.  
pH: 3.52  
TA: 6.42  
Alc: 14% v/v  
Bottled Aug 2013  
Cases Produced: 275

#### REVIEWS:

**95 Points & "Cellar Selection"** - *Wine Enthusiast - February, 2015*  
*"A star even among a stellar group of 2012 releases from Elk Cove, this 20-year-old vineyard really delivers the goods. Time has tempered the herbal aromatics, giving this rich, ripe effort a subtle subtext of olive and sage. Black cherry, dark chocolate and a dusty, mocha finish with a hint of habanero pepper bring this wine together beautifully. Delicious already, it should continue to improve 2025-2030. Cellar Selections. --P.G.*