

Wine Spectator

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THE MOST EXCITING
WINES OF 2008

BEST VALUES
OF THE YEAR

DELICIOUS PINOT NOIRS
TO BUY NOW

OREGON'S PINOT NOIR DIVERSITY

"Oregon Pinot Noir vintners like to crow that they experience vintage variation like Burgundy does, and thus make a similar range of wine styles from the fickle Pinot Noir grape. The vintages greeting consumers on the retail shelves today take it to an extreme."

"The best wines from 2006 ... like the Elk Cove Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Mount Richmond 2006 ... wear their fleshiness easily."

"Oregon likes to tout its Pinot Gris, made in a style that hovers between the richness of Alsace wines and the easygoing freshness of Italian Pinot Grigio. Among the best examples are ... Elk Cove Pinot Gris Willamette Valley 2007 ..."

— HARVEY STEIMAN



Adam Campbell, owner of Elk Cove in Willamette Valley, produces Pinot-family wines. His 2006 Mount Richmond Pinot Noir and 2007 Willamette Pinot Gris are standouts.

Harvey Steiman's Recommended Wines From Oregon

TOP WINES

ELK COVE Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Mount Richmond 2006

93

A luscious mouthful of cherry, blackberry, cream and espresso flavors echo seductively on the long, expressive finish.

TOP VALUES

ELK COVE Pinot Gris Willamette Valley 2007

89

Cantaloupe and pear aromas and flavors linger on a silky frame.