

# ELK COVE

## VINEYARDS

### 2005 Pinot Noir Roosevelt

The Roosevelt Vineyard is a four-acre planting situated just south of the winery on Willakenzie soils. The south-facing hillside points to a steep precipice overlooking the magnificent Williams Canyon. It is a high density planting with 2100 vines per acre spaced approximately one meter by two meters apart. This, our premier Single Vineyard site, is a steep hillside vineyard that undergoes extensive pruning and cluster thinning to limit yields and maximize ripening in order to concentrate the fruit. Furthering our beliefs in ecological farming practices we now completely farm this site organically.

2005 was an interesting year, with one of the driest winters and wettest springs on record! And unlike recent vintages that brought warmer weather, early ripeness and higher alcohol, this year's harvest occurred later than most expected, resulting in cooler temperatures that will lead to lower alcohol levels, structured acidity and ideal flavor development. Vintage 2005 in the Willamette Valley will be a return to finesse and elegance, which has long characterized classic Oregon wines. Winemaker Adam Godlee Campbell states, "these are not the big block buster pinots of 2003. Instead they are pretty, food-friendly wines with great aging potential, showing a purity of fruit."

#### Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 13 years  
Yield: 1.8 tons/acre  
Harvest Sugars: 23.5 Brix

#### Enological Data:

pH: 3.75  
Bottled: September 2006  
6 Bottle Cases Produced: 577



#### **90 Points** ~ *Wine Spectator* ~ November 30, 2007

*"Crisp around the edges, but soft and generous at the core, with pretty currant and plum fruit against hints of white pepper and slate, mingling nicely as the finish persists against refined tannins."* – H.S.

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