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2012 ANDERSON FAMILY WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR



- Thesis:** Classic stripes: Marilyn Monroe/Gwen Stefani — blond hair, red lips, white top, short red skirt.
- The Cliff Notes:** Colored dark ruby red, the wine breathes out deep red fruit, dust, jungle vines, smoke and brown sugar. On the palate the wine throws a huge round periphery of bass-note red, a driving length, and a slight grip, to a finish that matches. This girl's got pipes, get out of the way.
- The Story:** In the early 2000s Anderson Family Vineyard delivered us menacing structure, which we mollified and moved towards elegance over the course of years. In this encore, she brings back boisterous. She's reclaimed her stage. She's rocking orange peel and iron. It doesn't appear she's leaving anytime soon.
- Cases Produced:** 5 best barrels = 120 cases
- The Building of:** Small-lot wild yeast fermentations, 100% barrel aged for 19 months in French oak barrels (one new, one once-filled, three older). Bottled unfinned and unfiltered in April of 2014.
- Alcohol: 13.5% pH: 3.67
- Ageability:** You'll do best by decanting to get it air within its first three years. Well cellared you should anticipate additional complexity during its first 10 years with a potential 12-year drinking horizon.
- Vineyards:** The steep and rocky South Block of **Anderson Family** Vineyards is dry-farmed 22-year-old Dijon 115 clone Pinot noir. As such, it is some of the oldest Dijon clone Pinot noir in Oregon.

— *Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker*