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## 2012 ANTOINETTE

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR



- Thesis: Think Isabella Rossellini — dark and sensual
- The Cliff Notes: The dark ruby color of this wine belies young, spicy, even savory aromatics of ripe raspberry, cherry, plum, brown spice and smoky wood-fired greens. The core is bombastic Bing cherry and, indeed, threatens to blow your mouth up before you fall headlong into the generous folds of the wine. Its structure is seamless, balanced and beautiful, going long on great acid.
- The Story: Antoinette was named after my maternal grandmother, who was extremely able, serious and beautiful. Tasting it is the best descriptor of my winemaking intention. This vintage 2012, perhaps the best so far, well represents how I feel about the memory of my grandmother and the friends who drink this bottle with her name on it.
- Cases Produced: 7 best barrels = 168 cases
- The Building of: Small-lot wild yeast fermentations, 100% barrel aged for 19 months in French oak barrels (one new, two once-filled, one two year, one older). Bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered, in April of 2014.
- Alcohol: 13.5%                      pH: 3.55
- Ageability: Absolutely decant to get it air within its first three years. Well cellared, you should anticipate additional complexity during its first 10 years with a potential 10- to 12-year drinking horizon.
- Vineyards: **Temperance Hill**'s (33-year-old) later and cooler high-elevation vines deliver old vine complexity with fresh acidity. The vines are from the front block east, the oldest at Temperance, and their massive root systems go deep to deliver both high flavor and nuance to the limited yield.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker