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2012 Gemini Vineyard

Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

Thesis: Geisha, with Samurai armor and sword.

The Cliff Notes: This Pinot is black ruby in color and foretells your experience of the wine. The nose is blackberry, blueberry, green peppercorn and black licorice (yes, Swedish Fish). The palate is ripe blueberry and massive black plum driven by acid, and **her signature is DENSITY**, with a matching weight and grip. It's a beautiful dark, built, balanced, nowhere-other-than-Oregon Pinot noir.

The Story: Normally this wine is the good kid on the playground, playing well with others and deliveringe "red is red is red" core. In 2012 she beat up a bully, stole a car, made love to an environmental scientist and unrepentantly jay-walked, just in the course of a vintage. Turns out, it's easy to forgive the transgressions of those who make us smile.

Cases Produced: Only the 3 best barrels = 73 cases

The Building of: Small-lot wild yeast fermentations, 100% barrel aged for 19 months in French oak barrels (one once filled, one twice filled). Bottled unfined and unfiltered in April 2014.

Alcohol: 13.5% pH: 3.57

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 12- to 15-year drinking horizon.

Vineyards: The Laurelwood soil of **Gemini Vineyard** in the Chehalem Mountains AVA is rich, wind-blown loess that contributes vigor to the plants and good acid to the grapes, which are grafted 21-year-old Scott Henry trained Pommard clone Pinot noir.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker