

Archery Summit

2010 LOONEY VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR | WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Looney Vineyard is located in one of the Willamette Valley's newest (and smallest) AVAs, the Ribbon Ridge AVA. Planted in 2000, Looney Vineyard slopes gently to the south and southeast between 360 and 550 feet in elevation. On sedimentary soils, it produces an exciting new addition to our portfolio of Oregon Pinot Noirs.

WINEMAKING

Fruit for the 2010 Looney Vineyard was hand picked on October 15th to 18th. The fruit was hand harvested and sorted, and native yeast fermentation was allowed to proceed under temperature-controlled conditions in stainless steel open-top fermentors. During primary fermentation, tanks were punched down up to two times per day. After limited post-fermentation maceration, the wine was sent via gravity to 42% new French oak barrels and aged for 11 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This rather elegant version of Looney Vineyard opens with expansive aromas of maraschino cherries, grenadine, floral hibiscus, boysenberry and vanilla bean. There are earthy graphite notes lending base along with cinnamon, graham cracker and black currant. The palate is expressive and succulent with notes of spicy sarsaparilla, passion fruit, tangerine, crushed raspberries, marzipan, paprika and pecans. The wine just keeps on giving with suggestions of licorice allsorts, confectionary watermelon and star anise. The palate is voluminous yet precise and focused around a core of plush, mouthwatering tannins that persist into a finish that is long and bright leaving the impression of a wine both captivating and intriguing.

VINEYARD SOURCE:

100% Looney Vineyard

TIMES VINES TOUCHED PER YEAR: 12

FARMING: By hand using sustainable practices

CLONAL COMPOSITION:

Mariafeld, Martini, Dijon Clones 115, 114, 667 and 777

FERMENTATION: Fermented in stainless steel open-top tanks

ÉLEVAGE: Aged 11 months in 42% new French oak barrels from Francois Freres, Tonnellerie Mercurey and Chassin

TOTAL BARREL AGING: 11 months

BOTTLING DATE: October 6, 2011

CELLARING: Five to eight years

