



2009

THE VINTAGE: 2009 was a warm vintage, especially when looking back over the last two years. The grapes came in with decent sugars, but our focus was on finding gentle balance in our pinot noir. We worked on developing complex tannins and sufficient acid while retaining a plush mouth feel.

THE WINE: The 2009 pinot noir opens up with floral scents of lavender and rose. The palate is plush and generous, with red fruit flavors of cherries and strawberries. As it begins to breathe, the flavors evolve into darker fruits, like raspberries and plums, with a hint of the Illahe terroir. The finish offers hints of baking spice, particularly clove.

ILLAHE is a Chinook Jargon word meaning "earth," "land," or "soil." We feel this reflects both our location in Oregon, as well as our desire to craft wines which express the variety of soils on our beautiful 80 acre estate.

90 POINTS & EDITORS CHOICE,
WINE ENTHUSIAST

WINE SPECTATOR, JANUARY 2012:
"Bright and jazzy, polished, with a sappy edge to the apple and green olive flavors. Drink now."

-HARVEY STEIMAN

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