



WINE

2008 Red Letter Pinot Noir

VINTAGE

2008

APPELLATION

Willamette Valley

VINEYARDS

Brooks Estate 38%,
Willakenzie 38%,
Momtazi 24%

PRODUCTION

200 cases

ALCOHOL

13.4%

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$75. | bottle

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ABOUT

RED-LETTER IS ANY DAY OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE, AN ANNIVERSARY, A SPECIAL OCCASION, A CELEBRATION. THIS WINE CELEBRATES THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BROOKS AND THE FULL LIFE OF OUR FOUNDER, JIMI BROOKS. HE WAS A MOG-DRIVING ENVIRONMENTALIST, A SENSITIVE BRUT BULLY, A CUNNING LINGUIST, A GLUTTONOUS CHEF GOURMAND, A CONTAGIOUS SPIRIT WHOSE DREAMS WERE HIS BLUEPRINTS TO IMPOSE HIS WILL ON THE WORLD.

HE LIVED HIS LIFE AS THOUGH EVERY DAY WAS A RED-LETTER DAY AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL TOO! CHEERS!

WINEMAKING NOTES

THE GRAPES WERE HAND SORTED AND 100% DESTEMMED. THEY FERMENTED IN INDIVIDUAL LOTS AND WENT THROUGH A COLD SOAK FOR 7-14 DAYS WITH FERMENTATION TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 85-88 DEGREES. AFTER RACKING TO BARREL, THE WINES AGED FOR 18 MONTHS IN 35% NEW FRENCH OAK. THESE BARRELS HAVE AN ELEMENT OF EARTH TO THEM, WITH COMPONENTS OF MINERALITY, COMPOST AND SOIL WHICH ADD BALANCE AND RICHNESS TO THE BLEND. THIS WINE WAS UNFINED AND FILTERED.

TASTING NOTES — CHRIS BLANCHARD, MS

WOW! SUPER SEXY AROMAS OF BLACK CHERRY PIE, KIRSCH, SMOKE, FRENCH VANILLA AND TRUFFLE. VERY RICH, POWERFUL DARK FRUIT AROMAS ARE OOZING FROM THE GLASS! I ALSO SMELL SOME VERY COOL EXOTIC SPICES, CLOVE, CORIANDER, TURMERIC AND SMOKED PAPRIKA. GOBS OF RIPE FRUIT AND SPICES, WITH A HINT OF ORANGE PEEL AND POMEGRANATE. I COULD KEEP SMELLING THIS FOR QUITE A WHILE. SUPER SATISFYING ON THE NOSE ALONE!

YUM! THIS IS EVERYTHING THAT THE NOSE PROMISED! VERY RICH, DENSE BLACK CHERRY, MORELLO CHERRIES SAUTÉED IN SIMPLE SYRUP, RED CURRANT, SMOKY PIE CRUST, AND JUST PICKED RIPE BLACKBERRIES. INCREDIBLE VELVETY MOUTHFEEL, ROUND AND SUPPLE, COATING THE MOUTH WITH LUSH RIPE DARK FRUIT. CLOVES AND VANILLA, TRUFFLE, PORCINI MUSHROOMS WITH A TOUCH OF LICORICE AND DARK CHOCOLATE. THE LENGTH IS IMPRESSIVE, AS THE INTENSITY OF THE RIPE FRUIT IS GIVEN A PIGGYBACK RIDE WITH A BACKBONE OF FRESH ACIDITY. INCREDIBLE STUFF!

THE POWER AND STRUCTURE OF THIS WINE, GIVES IT MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO PAIR WITH A HEAVIER MAIN COURSE LIKE, VEAL, BACON WRAPPED ANYTHING, MUSHROOM RISOTTO, SHORTRIBS, PORK BELLY AND FIVE SPICE, ETC. SUCH A VERSATILE WINE!



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