



# TASTING NOTES



## ELK COVE CLAY COURT PINOT NOIR, 2014

### BACKGROUND

ELK COVE VINEYARDS IS ONE OF OREGON'S OLDEST AND MOST RESPECTED WINE PRODUCERS. FOUNDED IN 1974, BY PAT AND JOE CAMPBELL, OUR FOCUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO PRODUCE HAND CRAFTED, ESTATE GROWN WINES THAT CAN RIVAL THE BEST IN THE WORLD. ELK COVE VINEYARDS ESTATE VINEYARDS NOW COVER OVER 220 ACRES ON FOUR SEPARATE SITES IN THE NORTHERN WILLAMETTE VALLEY. STEEP SOUTH FACING SLOPES, OF WILLAKENZIE AND LAURELWOOD SOIL TYPES WITH EXCELLENT DRAINAGE, PROVIDE THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT TO GROW THE WORLD CLASS WINE GRAPES THAT ARE THE BASIS FOR CREATING ELK COVE WINES. PROPER SITE SELECTION AND METICULOUS VINE MANAGEMENT ALONG WITH HARVESTING AT VERY LOW YIELDS CREATES THE CONCENTRATION AND DEPTH OF FLAVOUR THAT ARE HALLMARKS OF ELK COVE WINES.

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CLAY COURT PINOT NOIR FRUIT IS FERMENTED IN SMALL, TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED STEEL TANKS, HAND PUNCHED DOWN TWICE DAILY THEN AGED FOR TEN MONTHS IN 40% NEW FRENCH OAK. OUR WINEMAKING TEAM THEN CAREFULLY BLENDS THE BARRELS MOST REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPICY FLAVOURS AND CONCENTRATED RED CHERRY FRUIT THAT CHARACTERISES THIS VINEYARD.

### REVIEWS

#### **94 POINTS, WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE:**

"A STANDOUT AMONG THE WINERY'S SINGLE-VINEYARD SELECTIONS, THIS BIG-BONED EFFORT BRINGS FLAVORS OF CHEWY CHERRY ALONGSIDE A CITRUS HIGHLIGHT AND A DEFINITE UNDERPINNING OF WET STONE AND CLAY..."

#### **91 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE:**

"BRIGHT AND TANGY, WITH LIVELY ACIDITY AND POWDERY TANNINS THAT SIDESTEP THE ROSE PETAL-ACCENTED GUAVA AND STRAWBERRY FLAVORS, LINGERING WITH PRECISION."



**VINTAGE:** 2014

**WINERY:** ELK COVE ([HTTP://WWW.ELKCOVE.COM](http://www.elkcove.com))

**REGION:** NORTHERN WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

**AVAILABILITY:** CLASSICS

**LCBO NUMBER:** 402263

**BOTTLE SIZE:** 750 ML

**COMPOSITION:** PINOT NOIR (100%)