

2002 PINOT NOIR WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

VINTAGE 2002

Famed for its Pinot Noir, Oregon's customarily cool Willamette Valley enjoyed an atypically warm, dry growing season in 2002, resulting in clean, ripe fruit with rich, bright flavors.

VINEYARDS

This wine was produced from vineyards in Oregon's Willamette Valley owned by Van Duzer, Parducci's sister winery. Oregon is renowned for its Pinot Noir, which thrives in the Willamette Valley's cool, marine-influenced climate. These cool night-time temperatures extend the grapes' 'hang time' during the growing season, resulting in maximum flavor concentration. The grapes further benefit from hillside elevations, well-drained loamy soils, and the complexity derived from multiple clonal selections, including several French Dijon clones.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2002 Oregon Pinot Noir sports a bright aroma of fresh cherries and raspberries, with hints of spearmint and spice. The wine's elegant, sappy, fresh-fruit flavors, enlivened by a zesty cinnamon and clove spiciness, are balanced by mild tannins and extend into a lengthy finish. This medium-bodied Pinot Noir beautifully complements chicken, ham, lamb and duck dishes, as well as grilled salmon and lighter pastas.

VINEYARDS:	100% Willamette Valley, Oregon
VARIETAL:	100% Pinot Noir
COOPERAGE:	One year in French & American oak
ALCOHOL:	12.5%
TA:	0.70 g/100ml
pH:	3.37
BOTTLED:	September 2003

WINERY

Parducci Wine Cellars is Mendocino County's oldest winery. Winegrowing in Mendocino dates to the 1860s, when Italian immigrants first planted vineyards on hillsides above the Russian River north of Ukiah. Established in 1932 by Adolph Parducci, an enterprising immigrant from Tuscany, Parducci Wine Cellars has long utilized Mendocino's hillside and benchland vineyards to produce pleasing, fruit-forward wines emphasizing pure varietal character. As wine critic Robert Parker has written, Parducci wines "emphasize wonderfully exuberant, fresh fruit in an easily drinkable, medium-bodied format."



Bob Swain
Winemaker

