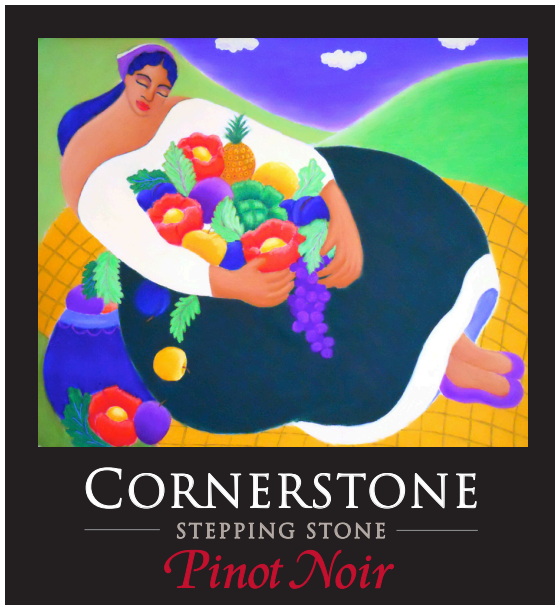


2012 Cornerstone Oregon Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, Artist Series



The Napa Valley is one of the few perfect places on earth to grow cabernet sauvignon and sauvignon blanc. Oregon's Willamette Valley is one of the few perfect places on earth to grow pinot noir and chardonnay. One thing I know for sure is that if you have a cabernet vineyard next to a pinot vineyard, one or both of them are in the wrong place. When we wanted to make pinot noir and chardonnay there was only one place to go - Oregon.

We make three wines at Cornerstone Oregon. Our Cornerstone Oregon, Willamette Valley Chardonnay is a lean, mean fighting machine type of chardonnay. No sweet oaky fruit bombs for me. If you love classic Chablis, you'll love our Oregon Chardonnay. The Cornerstone Oregon Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is a classic, ageable pinot noir with great structure, depth and breed. Our newest Cornerstone Oregon wine is the Stepping Stone by Cornerstone

Oregon Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. Every vintage, as you taste through the barrels, certain ones just seem so pretty and drinkable right now so we figured why resist them? Our Stepping Stone Pinot Noir is a barrel selection of those charming wines, while our Cornerstone Oregon Pinot Noir is a barrel selection of wines destined for greatness. One is pure charm and the other a true aristocrat.

Racy and bright, **2012 Cornerstone Oregon Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, Stepping Stone** is all about drinking now. Like all of our Stepping Stone wines, this is a wine for tonight's dinner. Removed from oak sooner than our Cornerstone Oregon Willamette Valley Pinot Noir to preserve the forward, charming character of the wines used in this cuvéé, it is made in the tradition of the "village" wines of Burgundy. We love it lightly chilled and recommend drinking it with gusto tonight. The 2012 vintage gave us just 452 cases of our Stepping Stone Pinot Noir. Aged for ten months in French Oak barrels, of which only 17% were new, to preserve the clean, zesty character in this refreshing pinot noir. We've artfully blended wines from the five great AVAs of the northern Willamette Valley to produce this mouth-watering wine. 13.9 % alcohol 100% Willamette Valley Pinot Noir: 29% Yamhill-Carlton, 29% Eola-Amity, 25% Dundee Hills, 11% Chehalem Mountain, 6% Ribbon Ridge SRP \$30

The painting on our label is *Color of Life* by Oregon artist Janet Ekholm - www.janetekholm.com

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