

CORNERSTONE
STEPPINGSTONE
NAPA VALLEY & WILLAMETTE VALLEY
vineyard - vintage - variety

**2010 Stepping Stone by Cornerstone Oregon
Willamette Valley Pinot Noir**



The Vintage:

The 2010 vintage was a classic cool Oregon growing season without the typical warm, dry summer. A wet, cool spring led to an early April bud break. June and July were cooler than normal and delayed bloom until the first part of July. This pattern continued throughout the summer and resulted in lower yields and a late harvest, commencing October 11 and finishing by the end of the month. The resulting wines are bright and lively, displaying lovely floral red and blue fruits with hints of citrus and seductively long finish.

Tasting Notes:

Aromas of fresh raspberries, slight cranberry, wild cherry, vanilla, slight leather and earth. The palate echoes the bright and juicy raspberry, pomegranate granita, white pepper, citrus, and fruit leather with soft, supple tannins.

Composition:

AVAs: 45% Yamhill-Carlton, 33% Eola-Amity, 15% Chehalem Mountain, 5% McMinnville, 1% Ribbon Ridge, 1% Dundee Hills

Aged in 100% French Oak of which 35 % was new for 13 months and was bottled in June 2012. 137 cases produced.