



2008 Olivia Brion

PINOT NOIR

Heron Lake Vineyard, Wild Horse Valley

Notes

Ruby garnet in color – our darkest Pinot yet. Fat viscous legs indicating glycerol richness. Dried rose petals and potpourri, hint of hickory bacon, clove, cardamom typical of our Pinot fruit emerging as the wine opens.

Plums and blackberries explode on the forepalate. Surprisingly grippy fine-grained tannins emerge midpalate. Great concentration, but slower to open in the glass than some vintages. This suggests long aging potential for this outstanding pinot!

The guiding principle for our winemaking is gentle fruit handling – not a seed broken! After fermentation and gentle pressing, the wine is transferred by gravity into French oak barrels below in the underground cellar to be aged sixteen months.

David Mahaffey, *winegrower*