

FOREFRONT

2008 PINOT NOIR



About Forefront

The Andrus family, founders of Napa Valley's Pine Ridge winery over 30 years ago, were at the forefront of winemaking around the new world, taking risks and challenging the status quo. Our wines pay tribute to their contributions, commitment to quality and adventurous spirit, capturing distinctive blends and sourcing from the best appellations.

Varietal
100% Pinot Noir

Appellation
100% Willamette Valley, Oregon

Alcohol
14.1%

Release Date
September 1, 2009

SRP
\$24

The Wine

This wine is 100% Willamette Valley Pinot Noir, sourced from pedigreed sites throughout the appellation. The Dundee Hills AVA makes up the dominant component of the blend, offering a bright core of red fruit, supple tannins and a generous mouthfeel.

VARIETAL	APPELLATION	VINTAGE NOTES
100% Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	Warm days and cool nights produced generous fruit expression and clean lines.

The Winemaking

The grapes for this wine were gently harvested and sorted by hand in late September into early October. Fermentation was done in stainless steel open-top tanks using both native and select yeasts over 10 to 20 days, with some post-fermentation maceration. The wine was transferred to 1 and 2-year old French oak barrels to age for 10 months before being bottled.

The Flavor Profile

Opening with lifted aromas of marionberry, black raspberry and star anise, this wine immediately seduces the palate with an abundance of sweet cherry, raspberry and pomegranate flavors. Racy acidity balances the round, generous fruit for an elegant and alluring wine.