

Wine Spectator

92 POINTS
RUSSIAN RIVER
NUGENT VINEYARD
PINOT NOIR

Wonderfully supple and very elegant and harmonious, with ripe, wild strawberry, raspberry and cherry flavors that are fresh and bright, with details of smoke, licorice, fresh herb and brewed tea notes. Drink now through 2016. 1,100 cases made. – M.W.

91 POINTS
2007 CARNEROS FERGUSON
BLOCK PINOT NOIR

Spicy wild raspberry and strawberry flavors have an intriguing loam and mineral edge, with floral, plum, pomegranate and fresh herb details. Well-structured, with firm tannins that give power to the harmonious flavors. Drink now through 2016. 375 cases made. -- M.W.



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Wonderfully pure ripe-cherry fruit is overlain with hints of dried flowers and altogether lovely, creme-brulee sweetness from just the right touch of oak in the nose of this involving Pinot, and there is no let up in richness or depth in the refined flavors that follow. The wine is both mouthfilling and impeccably balanced with nary a suggestion of heaviness despite its ample weight, and its impressions of richness and range are equaled by those of brightness and vitality. As wholly compelling as it may be at the moment, this one can only get better with age, and hand- some rewards surely await those who can forego pulling its cork for another four or five years.



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Picking a favorite from the recent Robert Stemmler offerings is no easy task, and this intense, deeply filled and wonderfully vital wine matches its mate step for step. Like its well-bred partner from the Ferguson Block, it is absolutely filled with concentrated, optimally ripened, oak-enriched fruit. While perhaps not quite as firm as its slightly nervier sibling, it is never less than perfectly balanced, and it has the richness and depth and sheer fruity strength to develop famously for a good many years in the future.

90 POINTS
CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

Highly oaked and smacking of honey and at all points a wine of considerable substance and size, this bottling trades away grace for extra richness and flirts with being a bit heavy. It is firmed up by a bit of last-minute acid and comes up with plenty of depth and energy to balance its obvious viscosity. Its viscous, vaguely developed aspects suggest it will be enjoyed most if drunk up over the next couple of years.



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Medium-light to medium ruby color; attractive, forward, intense, toasty, slightly stemmy, raspberry and ripe cherry fruit aroma; medium-full body; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Shows distinctive varietal character and deserving of several more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended.



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FERGUSON BLOCK
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A powerful and dramatic Pinot Noir. The first thing you notice is the depth. The range of flavors goes on and on, ranging from cherries, oranges and cola through mocha to more classic notes of forest floor, mushrooms and peppery spices. Bone dry, with ultra-fine tannins, it's a gorgeous wine now, and should age gracefully for 6-8 years. --S.H.

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Very fine and complex. This deeply flavored Pinot Noir is powerful, but it's also elegantly silky, which is the magic combination. Shows perfectly ripe cherry and raspberry fruit, with gorgeous overtones of oak and spices. Beautiful now, and will age well through 2014 or so. --S.H.

90 POINTS
CARNEROS
ESTATE GROWN
PINOT NOIR

A very nice Pinot Noir shows the classic elegance associated with this producer. It's one to drink now. Dry and silky, it offers rich, complex flavors of cherries, cola, spices and sandalwood. Feels really classy all the way through. --S.H.