

Wine Spectator

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KEN WRIGHT CELLARS

2009 Vintage Pinot Noir

93 points | Yamhill-Carlton District Abbott Claim Vineyard

Light on its feet, but shows some flesh to the raspberry, cherry, cream and cinnamon flavors, pulsing gently against polished tannins on the long, expressive finish.

92 points | Eola-Amity Hills Carter Vineyard

Velvety and generous, delivering a lithe mouthful of orange peel-scented raspberry and guava flavors that linger effortlessly against creamy, polished tannins.

92 points | Yamhill-Carlton District McCrone Vineyard

Tangy, with a live-wire backbone of acid and tannins against refined cherry, pepper and nutmeg flavors, gliding easily into the long, graceful finish.

92 points | Yamhill-Carlton District Savoya Vineyard

Crisp in texture, with a thin veil of tight tannins around the dark berry, pepper and sandalwood flavors, lingering easily on the expressive finish.

91 points | McMinnville Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

Tight, with crisp tannins around a lithe core of raspberry and plum fruit that persists into the long finish, shaded with floral and leafy notes.

91 points | Willamette Valley Freedom Hill Vineyard

Light on its feet, with a creamy feel to the red berry, tea and orange peel flavors, finishing with finesse and intensity. The tannins are mellow.

91 points | Willamette Valley Guadalupe Vineyard

Focused and tangy, with pretty guava and wild raspberry flavors playing against white pepper and fine tannins. Offers complexity and length, finishing with zip.