

## Formaglini Vineyards 2013 Estate Pinot Noir

*“Polished, refined, and light-footed, but packed with blackberry, black olive and rose petal flavors, persisting against a meaty note as the finish lingers expressively.” - 93 points, Harvey Steinam, Wine Spectator*



**Terroir:** The Formaglini Vineyards La Quercia Pinot Noir is produced from the estate vineyard of the same name. The four-acre sloped vineyard sits high atop Calkins Lane in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Soils are sedimentary consisting primarily of sand and granite gravel. This site is planted with a mixture of Pinot Noir clones 777, 828, 115, and Pommard. When blended, the grouping creates a unique, site specific complexity producing a signature wine profile each year.

**David de Lancellotti, the WineGrower's, 2013 Insight:** “The 2013 Vintage was a tale of two vintages. We pulled the first four Pinot clones on September 15 just before the storm as up to the 15<sup>th</sup> the weather pattern was very similar to 2012. Later, we pulled the Pinot Noir clone and the Lagrein clone after the storm on September 25<sup>th</sup> and co-fermented them for a unique blend.

This 2013 Estate Pinot Noir is a prettier and leaner experience than 2012. The wine spent 15 months in neutral barrel and six months in bottle prior to its June 1, 2015 release. It is very approachable now and will continue to reach its best the fall and winter of 2015 and 3-5 years beyond.”

**Color:** Ruby purple – like a dark Rainier cherry

**Nose:** Black cherry spices, underbrush reminiscent of Rhone Garrigue. Wild mountain strawberries. Rose petals reminiscent of Piedmontesque-aged Nebbiolo. Crushed Marion berries -- this is Oregon after all!

**Palate:** Medium-bodied Pinot Noir with finesse. The wine has length and is refined, it is juicy without being overtly fruity due to the acidity. Soft stewed black cherries amid undertones of an orange-infused spice box.

**Finish:** Lengthy with notes of soft cola and unsweet cherry pie. Herbs and soft baking spices.

**Notes:** The wine has great balance. Acid, alcohol, tannin, and aromas are beautifully aligned. The wine speaks “Oregon” Pinot Noir very distinctly as new world fruits intermingle with Old World style.

**230 cases, 12.8% alcohol. \$45/bottle. Available for wholesale.**

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