

# RANSOM

## Ransom Selection Pinot Noir 2009

**Appellation:** Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Sources:** JMD Vineyard  
Temperance Hill Vineyard  
Northridge Vineyard  
Cattrall Vineyard

**Vineyard Elevation:** 700 to 750 feet

**Brix at Harvest:** 23.5

**Titrateable Acidity:** 6.4

**pH:** 3.5

**Alcohol:** 13.6%

**Production:** 1,464 cases

**Vinification:** 100% destemmed with high percentage of whole berries into 1.5 ton fermenters. Average cold soak length of seven days. Fermented with BRG, RC212 and wild yeast for an average of eight days. Hand punched 2 to 3 times daily. 100% free run juice. Aged eleven months in mixed French cooperage one to four years old.

**Tasting Notes:** A selection of four exceptional vineyards in the Eola Hills, the 2009 Selection Pinot Noir reads like an idyll to its picturesque home. A striking ruby color in the glass, Selection opens with bright, elegant aromatics of Bing cherries, huckleberry compote and violets. Savory flavors of fresh mission fig and clove balance minerality and sweet earth on a palate deftly punctuated with fine tannins and piquant spice. The finish is long, juicy, rich, satisfying and tempting.

**Vintage Notes:** 2009 was a wonderful vintage, with nearly record hang times, harvesting well into the end of October for some vineyards allowing for deep flavors and full ripening. Summer was very warm and an easing of heat without much precipitation punctuated most all of September and through October and this helped retain ideal acidity for balanced and elegant wines.

### What Makes Ransom Selection Pinot Noir Unique?

Ransom Pinot Noirs have always been made with organically sourced fruit since inception. Tad Seestedt is a rising star in Oregon winemaking blending, "characteristics from different sites for complexity and dependability." Wine Spectator, January 31st, 2010

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