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## 2012 Technical and Tasting Notes

### 2012 Winderlea Chardonnay

*Beautiful aromas of pear, peach, citrus, honey and vanilla. The aromatics carry over into the mouth showcasing the pear, along with stone fruit, golden delicious apples, clove, cardamom, and hints of creme brulee. A complex wine with a silky mouthfeel that maintains a clean and crisp finish. (Note: tasted throughout 2022 at its 10th anniversary and found it stunning. For a warm vintage and a fuller bodied wine at release, upon its 10th year it was fresh, refined and the favorite of a 5 year vertical of Winderlea Chardonnay).*

**AVA:** Willamette Valley

**Vineyard:** 52% Carabella | 39% Hyland | 9% Thistle

**Selections:** Dijon 76 | Wente/UCD 4 | Dijon 76, 95

**Harvest Date:** 10.11.12, 10.25.12, 10.17.12

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 6% stainless steel

**Bottled:** 9.10.13

**Production:** 400 cases

### 2012 Winderlea Dundee Hills Vineyards Pinot noir

*Clear, bright, and garnet jeweled in color. A most approachable and drinkable wine upon release, the wine shows bright cranberry and red cherry along with notes of fennel and caraway seed. Left in the glass, layers of cassis, lavender, cherry cola and anise appear and delight. Acid is bright and well balanced against soft tannins. The finish is long and mouthwatering. (Note, upon tasting during 2022, the wine continues to show the mouthwatering characteristics upon release. Drink or hold.)*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Winderlea | ANA | Juliard | Maresh | Murto

**Selections:** Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 114, 115, 667, and 777

**Harvest Date:** 10.8.12 - 10.16.12

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 15% once used French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.10.13

**Production:** 715 cases

### 2012 Winderlea Ana Vineyard Pinot noir

*Clear, bright and garnet colored, once again the Ana knocks us out with its fabulously floral nose. The 2012 shows notes of violets, magnolias and lavender along with black raspberries, black cherries, mushroom and subtle forest floor. The Ana enters with spicy and earthy notes and flows easily into layers of cherries, plums, figs, rose hips, thyme, lavender and a hint of chocolate reminiscent of a cherry Tootsie Pop.*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Ana Vineyard

**Selections:** Pommard and Dijon 667

**Harvest Date:** 10.16.12

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 18% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.11.13

**Production:** 289 cases





### 2012 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir

*A color of deep garnet, the 2012 Winderlea Vineyard Pinot noir provides a nose full of bright purple fruit, black cherries, cranberries, black plums, and red and black currants. Coupled with those bright fruit components, on the nose and palate, and hints of cedar, baking spice, orange zest and a little tropical tea. This is a round and lush wine that stays fresh and should age very well because of the beautifully integrated acid. Cellar safely through 2024. (Note, our tastings of this wine throughout 2022 and 2023 indicate its promise for aging into its second decade. Drinking beautifully in 2023).*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Winderlea Vineyard

**Selections:** Pommard, Coury, Dijon 114, 115, 667, and 777

**Harvest Date:** 10.11.12

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 17% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.10.13

**Production:** 750 cases

**Certifications:** LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

### 2012 Winderlea Legacy Pinot noir

*Sourced from the oldest vines on the Winderlea Vineyard, planted between 1974 and 1976, the Legacy is our most precious wine. Delicately garnet in color, the wine shows itself with roses, strawberries, cherries, and a fine waft of cedar on the nose. As you drink, you are introduced to bright and ripe cherries, cranberries, red plums, mango, dried apricot, and a wee hint of Meyer lemon zest. A layered wine where nothing is overt. It finishes gracefully. (Notes: from 2022 and 2023 tastings the wine is more graceful and silky upon its decade birthday and shows that it will continue to age elegantly for the next few years. Drink or hold).*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Winderlea Vineyard

**Selections:** Pommard, Wadenswil, Coury Dijon 115 (all own rooted)

**Harvest Date:** 10.11.12

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**Élevage:** 10 months in neutral French oak barrels, 17% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.10.13

**Production:** 182 cases

**Certifications:** LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

### 2012 Winderlea Imprint Pinot noir

*The only wine produced onsite at the Winderlea Estate Vineyard, the Imprint Pinot noir is made by owner Bill Sweat using old world winemaking techniques and 100% whole cluster fermentation. The 2012 is a beautiful garnet color. The nose shows great spice and herb notes of clover, lavender, and thyme, coupled with ripe red cherries, cranberry, and strawberry. A lush and round texture provides for a long and satisfying finish.*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Winderlea Vineyard

**Selections:** Coury

**Harvest Date:** 10.12.12

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Élevage:** 100% whole cluster, 18 months in neutral French oak, 25% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 4.10.14

**Production:** 135 cases

**Certifications:** LIVE and Salmon Safe (note: farmed Biodynamic)

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### 2012 Winderlea Crawford Beck Vineyard Pinot noir

*2012 Crawford Beck Pinot noir is a beautifully intense color showing the concentration of the vintage. On the nose we start with savory dried herbs, lavender and fresh earth. Coupled with red fruits of cherries, cranberries, elderberries, and lemon zest are very distinct notes of black tea, clove, coriander, coffee, and clove. A completely balanced wine that will age a dozen years or more. (Note upon drinking this wine throughout 2022 on its 10th anniversary, the wine has held up beautifully and showcases the fruit, herbal, and earth notes we loved upon release. The balance in this wine is maintained and should continue to drink well for the next 5 years.)*

**AVA:** Eola-Amity Hills

**Vineyard:** Crawford Beck Vineyard

**Selections:** Dijon 115, Clone 60, Swan

**Harvest Date:** 10.17.12

**Alcohol:** 13.8%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 22% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.11.13

**Production:** 240 cases

**Certifications:** LIVE and Salmon Safe

### 2012 Winderlea Juliard Pinot noir

*Showcasing notes of sweet cherries, orange blossoms, plums and cedar on the nose, the Juliard pleases the palate with a range of red and black berries, cherries, strawberries, ripe cranberry, and plums. Enticing garden herbs of lavender, thyme and earthy notes of clover add to the interest and balance found in this wine. The 2012 is particularly alluring with its combination of brightness and round finish.*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Juliard Vineyard

**Selections:** Pommard

**Harvest Date:** 10.12.12

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 33% once used French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.11.13

**Production:** 75 cases

### 2012 Winderlea Maresh Vineyard Pinot noir

*The 2012 Maresh captures your note with baking spices, herbal notes, and red fruit from plums to strawberries to red cherries. The mouth is bright explosions of red fruit, watermelon, rhubarb and gooseberries alongside notes of cloves, white pepper and orange zest. Nicely integrated tannins combine with the fruit and floral notes to make this the most delightful glass of wine.*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Maresh Vineyard

**Selections:** Dijon 115

**Harvest Date:** 10.17.12

**Alcohol:** 13.7%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.11.13

**Case Production:** 136 cases



### 2012 Winderlea Meredith Mitchell Pinot noir

*Don't be surprised by the almost Syrah like color of our 2012 Meredith Mitchell Pinot noir. We are now in the McMinnville AVA where depth of color is a signature element. This wine even smells purple! It seduces you with blackberries, blueberries, and huckleberries all up front. But, this wine goes beyond the fruit with herbal notes of anise, thyme, sage, lavender and even hints of tobacco. Most alluring are its subtle briny components that keeps the wine fresh.*

**AVA:** McMinnville

**Vineyard:** Meredith Mitchell Vineyard

**Selections:** Pommard, own rooted

**Harvest Date:** 10.09.12

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 22% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.11.13

**Production:** 187 cases

**Certifications:** LIVE and Salmon Safe

### 2012 Winderlea Murto Vineyard Pinot noir

*Deep and concentrated in color and flavor profile, the 2012 Murto shows ripe black cherries, plums and blackberries. The ripe fruit is always balanced with savory notes of thyme, lavender and sage that brings a complexity to this wine that allows for a decade or more of cellaring.*

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Vineyard:** Murto Vineyard

**Selections:** Pommard and Wädenswil

**Harvest Date:** 10.10.12

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 14% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.11.13

**Case Production:** 245 cases

### 2012 Winderlea Shea Vineyard Pinot noir

*A deeply toned red brick color showcases the Shea vineyard Pinot noir in 2012. On the nose this wine shows layers of ripe red plums, rhubarb, strawberry and currants alongside its signature black fruit core. Couples with the ripe fruit notes are a variety of perfumed herbal touches of rose hips, lavender, and dried flowers. Layered into the wine are spice elements including anise, allspice and spiced tea.*

**AVA:** Yamhill-Carlton

**Vineyard:** Shea Vineyard Block 21

**Selections:** Pommard and Wädenswil

**Harvest Date:** 10.08.12

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Élevage:** 10 months in French oak barrels, 10% new French oak barrels

**Bottled:** 9.09.13

**Production:** 396 cases