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Good evening Pinot fans,

I hope you can all, or, at least a few hundred of you can make it to this tasting Friday night, June 27th from 4-8 P.M. We are tasting some of the best Oregon pinots from the 2012 vintage that have been released to date. Pass this email on if you have friends that you think would like to taste.

Cost: Full Pour \$22 Half Pour \$14

The Wines:

Vintage 2012 will go down in history as one of the best vintages for the Willamette Valley given the warm early bloom with consistent sunny skies throughout ripening and harvest. The season was glorious and filled with happy winegrowers and winemakers which translates into incredible wines for everyone to enjoy. Small crops in the end due to an odd hail shower that happened early in the growing cycle.

2012 Andrew Rich “Prelude” Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$23

This 2012 is constant with the review from the 2010 vintage that receive 91 points: “Fresh and vibrant, with juicy and pure red berry and blueberry flavors set on a light foundation, lingering easily and expressively against refined tannins and acidity. Drink now through 2018” 91 PointsWine Spectator

2012 Crowley Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$25

“Before launching his eponymous venture, Tyson Crowley spent a dozen years working for some of the Willamette Valley’s most prestigious wineries. Now releasing his seventh vintage, Crowley’s focus and skills have taken him from strength to strength. Case in point, Crowley’s soil-perfumed, fresh and riveting 2012 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. A gorgeous bright ruby robe in the glass segues to deep, soil-driven nose redolent of graphite minerals, red raspberries, pie cherries, cinnamon and bitter orange peel. Fleshy and mouth-filling, yet structured with tannin, the wine’s pure kernel of cherry and raspberry fruit is complemented by loamy earth, rhubarb, fruitwood smoke and sandalwood. Firm tannins and brisk acidity buoy the wine’s dense core of fruit and segue it to a long, earthy and citrusy potpourri-driven finish. Enjoy this most serious, and seriously affordable, Pinot now or over the coming seven years with grilled and sautéed summer vegetables, Chinook salmon, roast chicken, duck, burgers, light casseroles and stews.” Liner & Elsen Portland Oregon

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October 2013
Oregon's 50 Best Wines 2013
2011 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

“Bright and juicy with flavors of dried strawberries, cola, and baking spice, winemaker Tyson Crowley’s latest vintage is a crowd-pleaser with a real sense of place. Thanks to a commitment to natural winemaking with certified sustainable fruit, Crowley’s wines reveal the best of the Dundee Hills: elegant, bold, and unflinchingly honest.”

2012 Purple Hands Holstein Vineyard Dundee Hills \$34

Taut in structure, this is focused and expansive in flavor, brimming with currant and blackberry fruit and festooned with floral and mineral grace notes, lingering expressively and intensely. Drink now through 2022. 300 cases made. **93 Points Wine Spectator**

2010 Stoller Dundee Reserve Pinot Noir \$40 current release

Lithe, vibrant and expressive, with black cherry, raspberry, smoke and spice notes vying for attention as the finish gains intensity. Drink now through 2018.

91 Points Wine Spectator

2012 Eminent Domaine Ribbon Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir \$40

Ripe, round and expressive, not weighty but intense and complex, layering dark berry and plum fruit with wax and mineral nuances. Finishes with a hint of root beer, showing power and finesse.

Drink now through 2022. **94pts Wine Spectator (6/15/2014).**

2012 Sineann Resonance Vineyard Yamhill Vineyard \$46

An expansive and vibrant red, with fine tannins underlining the dark berry, clotted cream, mint and spice flavors, coming together harmoniously as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2019.

900 cases made. **93 Points Wine Spectator**

Cheers!

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