

Happy 4th of July weekend! I hope you all have a blast!!!! Start your 4th of July weekend here with us tasting Oregon Pinot Noir! Including: Evening Land, Witness Tree, Bethel Heights and St. Innocent! Be sure to pick up the latest and greatest Cheap & Cheerful six pack before you go! It's RED HOT!

- **Cost \$21 Full Pour**
- **1/2 Pour \$12.50**
- **4-7 P.M.**

2008 Witness Tree Estate Pinot Noir \$24.

The 2008 Pinot Noir Estate Willamette Valley offers up a fragrant perfume of earth notes/underbrush, spice box, incense, mineral, and red fruits. On the palate it is smooth-textured, intense, and concentrated with excellent volume. This lengthy effort can be approached now but will drink well for another 6-8 years. **90 Points Robert Parker.** Witness Tree, owned by Dennis and Carolyn Devine, is a 100 acre estate that produces wine exclusively from its own estate vineyards. The winery is in Eola Hills but the wines are all labeled Willamette Valley. In the 2008 vintage yields were below 2 tons an acre and the wines were bottled without fining or filtration. I have yet to visit Witness Tree and that will have to change.

2008 Evening Land Seven Springs Vineyard, Oregon. \$36.

The 2008 Pinot Noir Estate was picked from the vineyard's deeper soils and was fermented with native yeasts and aged for 16 months in 33% new oak. Dark ruby red, it surrenders an expressive nose of smoke, Asian spices, incense, and an amalgam of red and black fruits. On the palate it reveals excellent volume, savory flavors, good intensity, and precision. Give this lengthy effort 1-2 years to fully unwind, and drink it from 2012 to 2020 91 Points Robert Parker

2009 St Innocent Zenith Vineyard, Oregon \$35.

Tasting Notes: Our Estate wine, the 2009 Zenith Vineyard Pinot noir, has a big nose of red raspberries with smoke, cedar, and dark ground spice notes. In the mouth, layers of red and dark red fruit dominate the palate with roasted spices, dark flowers and forest floor flavors underneath. This is a richly layered wine with complex flavors and medium weight tannins. Its multidimensional components will evolve over a decade. This wine reminds me of the old O'Connor Vineyard Pinots I made a long time ago.

Mark Vlossak, winemaker

2007 Bethel Heights Casteel Estate \$47.

My favorite of the collection is the 2007 Pinot Noir Casteel Reserve, a selection of the best blocks on the property. It is the most deeply colored as well as the most fragrant. Asian spices, incense, black cherry, and black raspberry aromas lead to a layered wine with tons of succulent fruit, 2-3 years of aging potential, and a long, pure finish. It will offer pleasure through 2022. **92 Points Robert Parker**

Saturday, July 2nd 12-4 Six wines from the July Cheap & Cheerful Six-Pack!

Monday, July 4th we are closed.

Cheers!

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