

# SPELL

2012 Weir Vineyard  
Yorkville Highlands



— 194 cases produced —

German transplant Andrew Berge sources three selections of pinot noir from Weir Vineyard: Wädenswil and Rochioli, planted in 1991, and a DRC suitcase selection planted in 2000. The wine feels aggressive at first, an inviting waft of forest mushrooms complicated by some volatility and rough, gripping tannins. With air the flavors center themselves around a beam of red fruit, the tannins still brash but conveying a frisky woodland savor. What it lacks in polish, it makes up for in intensity.

REVIEWED BY WINE & SPIRITS

92  
points



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# SPELL

2012 Alder Springs Vineyard  
Mendocino


— 149 cases produced —

Brilliant ruby-red. Spicy black raspberry and cherry-cola on the fragrant, mineral-tinged nose. Offers intense dark berry and bitter cherry flavors that become sweeter and smokier with air. The mineral quality comes back strong on the finish, which is firmed by chewy, building tannins. Give this one some decanter time or a few more years of bottle age. (JR)

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INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

89+  
points



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# SPELL

2012 Chardonnay  
Russian River Valley



— 68 cases produced —

Rich and full-flavored, with candied citrus, green apple, honeydew and white flower scents, ending with a graceful, supple texture. Drink now.  
68 cases made. -JL

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WINE SPECTATOR

89  
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# SPELL

2012 Nichole's Blend  
Sonoma County


— 902 cases produced —

Bright ruby-red. Cherry-cola, raspberry jam and vanilla on the perfumed nose and palate. Fleshy and broad, with slow-building spiciness adding lift. A bitter chocolate quality comes up on the spicy, clinging finish, which features chewy tannins. Give this one a little air to allow the youthful tannins a chance to soften. (JR)

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# SPELL

2013 Rosé Vin Gris of Pinot Noir

SONOMA COUNTY

— 139 cases produced —

*“10 Refreshing California Wines to Celebrate Spring”*

*New reviews of crisp whites and rosés from across the Golden State | Augustus Weed | Posted: April 21, 2014*

*Crisp and zesty, offering a slight pink color and appealing flavors of spicy peach and watermelon. Drink now. 139 cases made. —T.F.*

89  
points



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# SPELL

2012 Terra De Promissio Vineyard

Sonoma Coast

— 148 cases produced —

*(40% new oak): Vivid ruby. Pungent, mineral-tinged dark berry and cherry-cola scents are deepened by suggestions of mocha and black cardamom. Sweet black raspberry and floral pastille flavors expand with air and pick up suggestions of smoke and allspice. The spice and cola qualities carry through a clinging finish firm by youthfully chewy tannins. This wine has a fairly high pH of 3.69 but I don't detect any undue or unwelcome weight. (JR)*

91  
points



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2012 Nichole's Blend

Sonoma County

— 902 cases produced —

*“10 Enticing California Pinot Noirs”*

*Presents a well-proportioned mix of dusty berry and light oak notes, ending with firm tannins and a dash of dried herb. Drink now through 2022. 902 cases made.*

*—JL Web only, 2014*

88  
points



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# SPELL

2012 Marimar Estate Vineyard

Sonoma Coast

— 148 cases produced —

*Vivid ruby-red. Sexy, oak-spiced cherry and black raspberry scents are lifted by smoky mineral and Asian spice nuances. Offers palate-staining dark berry and floral pastille flavors that become livelier and more aromatic with aeration. Dusty tannins build slowly on the finish, giving grip to the wine's plush, sappy fruit.*

91  
points



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