

SPELL

2012 Nichole's Blend

Pinot Noir | Sonoma County



The fruit for the 2012 Nichole's Blend Pinot Noir comes from the DeVoto, Hurst and Lorenzo Vineyards as well as declassified barrels our Vineyard Designated wines. From as far south as the Petaluma Gap, where the cold maritime breezes help to produce wines of excellent purity and elegance; to the East on top of Sonoma Mountain, with its volcanic soils which produces wines with structure and savoriness; to the far western edge of the Russian River Valley, which produces wines with richness and ripe dark fruit flavors. The resulting wine is an excellent example of the harmony between these distinctive regions within Sonoma County.

A medium dark, purple color introduces aromas of raspberry, leather, spice, crushed stone, tea and bitter chocolate that awaken the senses. Lush and sappy, the palate is flooded with flavors of cherry, raspberry, toasted oats, and citrus pith with silky tannins balanced by the bright acidity. Drink now or over the next 3-4 years.

Oak: 100% French;
25% new, 25% once used and 50% older
Harvest Dates: 9/27 - 10/8/12
Bottled: August 8, 2013
Alc: 14.3%

902 Cases produced | Released January 1, 2014

89 points | Stephen Tanzer's IWC

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)

88 points | Wine Spectator

"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