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LEMELSON VINEYARDS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

"Like the quest for the Holy Grail, making exceptional Pinot Noir requires great effort (in the vineyard); patience and humility (in the winery); and more than a touch of obsession... Our goal is to allow the potential of each of our unique vineyard sites to unfold through observation, innovation and experimentation." - Eric Lemelson

Eric Lemelson founded his winery on a spectacular 31-acre slope overlooking the coast range near Carlton, Oregon. Dedicated to producing exceptional Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Lemelson worked closely with architect Laurence Ferar and winemaker-consultant Eric Hamacher to design a remarkable gravity-flow facility that incorporates gentle handling techniques with precise sorting and fermentation control. Lemelson uses no herbicides or synthetic chemicals, reenergizes the soil through composting and cover cropping, utilizes only indigenous yeasts and ages the wines in a blend of new and used Burgundy barrels. Low yields, a noninterventionist approach to winemaking grounded in gravity flow, severe selection of grapes and barrels, careful and unhurried élevage also serve to maximize natural complexity and richness.

CHARDONNAY RESERVE

DRY RIESLING

Parker's WA on the 2008: **90pts** "The 2008 Dry Riesling actually contains 0.6% RS, right at the threshold of perception. Fermented and aged in stainless steel, it displays some minerality and a hint of petrol along with floral and citrus notes. Crisp and essentially dry but fruity on the palate, it has lively acidity and a refreshing finish. Drink it over the next 3 years."

PINOT GRIS "TIKKA'S RUN"

Parker's WA on the 2009: **90pts** "Apple blossoms, baking spices, melon, and tangerine zest aromas lead to a flavorful, spicy, creamy textured wine with excellent depth and balance. Enjoy this tasty effort over the next 1-2 years."

PINOT NOIR "SIX VINEYARDS"

PINOT NOIR "THEA'S SELECTION"

Tanzer's IWC on the 2009: **90pts** "Bright ruby. Musky aromas of dark berry and cherry skin, cola and licorice, with a brighter floral quality emerging with aeration. Juicy and precise on the palate, offering densely packed blackberry and bitter cherry flavors that gain spiciness on the back end. At once rich and energetic, finishing with persistent floral notes and a touch of spicy herbs. Give this some time in the decanter, or stash it away for a few more years."

PINOT NOIR, STERMER VINEYARD

Tanzer's IWC on the 2009: **91pts** "Vivid ruby. Cherry and blackberry on the nose, with complicating floral and star anise nuances. Lively, incisive dark berry flavors show very good clarity and pick up a brighter raspberry quality on the back half. Stretches out with aeration and finishes with lingering rose and gingerbread notes." Parker's WA: **91pts**

PINOT NOIR, MEYER VINEYARD

Tanzer's IWC on the 2008: **91pts** "Dark ruby-red. Complex bouquet of dark berry and floral scents, along with notes of star anise, violet and lavender. Taut, powerful blackberry and cherry-cola flavors show very good clarity and gain weight with air. Energetic but rich, finishing with impressive punch and lingering floral and spice character. I'd love to check back in on this in another five years or so."

PINOT NOIR, "JEROME RESERVE"

Tanzer's IWC on the 2009: **92pts** "Deep ruby-red. Pungent bouquet displays cherry-vanilla, raspberry preserves and oak spices, with slow-building florality. Lush, creamy and broad, offering powerful red fruit flavors that take a darker turn on the back half, with a smoky nuance creeping in. Gains weight and sweetness with air, finishing with notes of cola and candied raspberry. This drinks very well now with an hour or so of air." Parker's WA: **92pts**

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