



2013 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
90	NA	2015 - 2020	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
	30th Mar 2015	Special Interim March 2015, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2013 Pinot Noir has a clean, light and fresh red berry nose with subtle sous-bois scents developing in the glass. The palate is fresh on the entry with supple, fleshy tannin, plenty of red berry fruit and a sense of reserve on the finish that suits it well. This is thoughtfully crafted.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Pinot Noir

2012 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir Estate Reserve

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
91	\$60	2015 - 2022	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
	30th Mar 2015	Special Interim March 2015, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2012 Pinot Noir Estate Reserve sees 50% new oak for 16 months. It has a luscious bouquet with red cherries, crushed strawberry and a hint of vanilla emanating from the oak. The palate is fleshy and smooth in the mouth, not a hair out of place here with sensual raspberry coulis, strawberry and dark chocolate notes on the finish. Excellent.

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2011 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
87	\$40	2013 - 2016	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
David Schildknecht	30th Oct 2013	209, The Wine Advocate	

An understated, relatively lightweight Carlton Hill 2011 Pinot Noir Estate is scented with sweat, beef broth and lentil, along with intimations of the red currant that then tartly informs the palate. While demure, the finish here is certainly as interesting as the nose led me to anticipate, and it preserves an admirable sense of primary juiciness, thus offering some genuine refreshment of the sort frequently encountered from this vintage. I would tentatively plan to enjoy it by 2016. David Polite – who has been vinifying fruit from his Carlton Hill estate since 2002 – opined that “among the bizarre things about 2011 was that the really late veraison was interrupted when the vines began shutting down” during the short-lived early September heat-spike. “I’ve typically been picking earlier than my peers,” notes Polite, “but in 2011 you just had to wait,” and he did not harvest until October 26. Tel. (503) 852-7060

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2011 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir Estate Whole Cluster

Rating (89 - 90)	Release Price NA	Drink Date 2013 - 2018	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
Reviewed by David Schildknecht	Issue Date 30th Oct 2013	Source 209, The Wine Advocate	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
			Color: Red

a fan of whole-cluster fermentation, Polite set aside two barrels vinified entirely vendange entier and at the time I tasted them was just a week from bottling them as 2011 Pinot Noir Estate Whole Cluster. Rose petal and rose wood; licorice and chocolate-covered orange rind; cherry and red currant make for a complex aromatic and gustatory performance, the faintly torrefied and oxidative elements presenting a bit of disharmony with the tart fresh side of the wine, but that may ultimately prove synergistic and is certainly distinctive. There is impressive sheer grip and plenty of primary juiciness in the finish of this firm Pinot that needs a few years, I suspect, to really show its personality and should prove worth following through at least 2018. David Polite – who has been vinifying fruit from his Carlton Hill estate since 2002 – opined that “among the bizarre things about 2011 was that the really late veraison was interrupted when the vines began shutting down” during the short-lived early September heat-spike. “I’ve typically been picking earlier than my peers,” notes Polite, “but in 2011 you just had to wait,” and he did not harvest until October 26. Tel. (503) 852-7060

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Variety: Pinot Noir

2010 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
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Reviewed by

David Schildknecht

Issue Date

30th Oct 2013

Source

209, The Wine Advocate

From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Pinot Noir

Proprietor David Polite emphasized the enormous efforts it required to spare his 2010 Pinot Noir Estate from avian decimation. "I had to keep running back and forth across the vineyard every morning to scare off the birds," he relates, for which purpose he employed a special pistol that discharged M-80s in their general direction, normal noisemaking having proven ineffective. It was worth it! Here is a Pinot as tart-edged, firm, and ultimately complex as its 2011 counterpart, but with none of the drying tendency noted in that wine. Bloody, roasted red meats and pit-inflected cherry are wreathed in Latakia tea smokiness on the nose, and bracing, finely tannic palate, leading to a finish whose sinister, forest floor intimations are fascinatingly juxtaposed with the tart brightness of cherry and with incisive nips of horseradish that convey intense invigoration. This is going to be fascinating to follow through at least 2018. (There is a small lot of reserve 2010, but Polite has cautiously postponed a decision on whether to release it, as it harbors a touch of brett whose evolution he wants to follow.) David Polite – who has been vinifying fruit from his Carlton Hill estate since 2002 – opined that "among the bizarre things about 2011 was that the really late veraison was interrupted when the vines began shutting down" during the short-lived early September heat-spike. "I've typically been picking earlier than my peers," notes Polite, "but in 2011 you just had to wait," and he did not harvest until October 26. Tel. (503) 852-7060

2009 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir Estate Reserve

Rating

89

Release Price

\$50

Drink Date

2012 - 2015

Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company**From:** USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Pinot Noir**Reviewed by**

David Schildknecht

Issue Date

30th Aug 2012

Source

202, The Wine Advocate

To as he put it "hedge my bets" Polite harvested 60% of his 2009 crop September 30 and the balance on October 10 after intervening rain but a return of warmth and sun, managing to keep his 2009 Pinot Noir Estate Reserve - consisting of just four selected barriques - to just below 14% finished alcohol. In response to vintage conditions, he incorporated half whole clusters in this wine's ferment. Dried cranberry, smoky black tea, brown spices, and salt mingle for a pungently penetrating and mouthwateringly savory Pinot experience. Hints of white pepper as well as a slight edginess of tannin make for slight rusticity in a nonetheless persistent finish. I would expect this to be

worth following for 2-3 years but skeptical about longer-term potential. David Polite left his career as a New York attorney more than two decades ago to pursue the proverbial Oregon Pinot-growing dream, and has been cultivating his Carlton Hill estate in the eponymous sector of the Willamette and (at least according to the information he sent me) personally vinifying its fruit ever since. Tel. (503) 852-7060

2008 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir Estate Reserve

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
91	\$50	2013 - 2023	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Jay S Miller	30th Oct 2010	191, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2008 Pinot Noir Estate Reserve was aged in 50% new oak for 20 months and was made with 30% whole clusters. Richer, riper, and more intensely flavored than its sibling, it deftly combines elegance and power. It has enough ripe tannin to blossom for another 3-4 years and will present a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2023. David and Dan Polite's Carlton Hill Wine Company is composed of 6 acres planted to Dijon clones 115 and 777 with another 5 acres under cultivation. Tel. (503) 852-7060; www.carltonhillwines.com

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2008 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
90	\$36	2012 - 2020	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Jay S Miller	30th Oct 2010	191, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2008 Pinot Noir Estate spent 11 months in 25% new oak and was made with 25% whole clusters. Dark ruby in color, it reveals an alluring nose of cedar, spice box, underbrush, and an amalgam of red and black fruits. Medium-bodied, intense, and densely packed on the palate, this nicely balanced offering has outstanding volume and length. It will evolve for 2-3 years and offer prime drinking from 2012 to 2020. David and Dan Polite's Carlton Hill Wine Company is composed of 6 acres planted to Dijon clones 115 and 777 with another 5 acres under cultivation. Tel. (503) 852-7060; www.carltonhillwines.com

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Picked on September 30 and at 14% natural alcohol – before some of the worst of the vintage’s rains – Polite’s Carlton Hill 2007 Pinot Noir Estate can be added to the considerable list of wines from this very difficult and hence much-maligned harvest that nowadays taste terrific. (And bear in mind that this is from very young vines.) Smoky, earthy pungency of peat, humus and burley tobacco mingle with fresh red raspberry, shadowed by framboise distillate. The piquancy of cherry pit and crunch of raspberry seed practically burst with intensity in a juicy and sustained finish, with a saline streak serving to practically light up the salivary glands. I can’t imagine this failing to impress through at least 2015. David Polite – who has been vinifying fruit from his Carlton Hill estate since 2002 – opined that “among the bizarre things about 2011 was that the really late veraison was interrupted when the vines began shutting down” during the short-lived early September heat-spike. “I’ve typically been picking earlier than my peers,” notes Polite, “but in 2011 you just had to wait,” and he did not harvest until October 26. Tel. (503) 852-7060

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88	\$50	2009 - 2017	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
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Jay S Miller	30th Oct 2009	185, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2007 Pinot Noir Reserve was 20% whole cluster fermented and aged for 11 months in 50% new French oak before racking into neutral barrels for another 5 months. Medium ruby-colored, it displays an enticing bouquet of cigar box, mineral, cinnamon, allspice, and raspberry. Firm on the palate with enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years, this savory Pinot will drink well through 2017. David and Dan Polite’s Carlton Hill Wine Company is composed of six acres planted to Dijon clones 115 and 777 with another five acres under cultivation. Tel. (503) 852-7060; www.carltonhillwines.com

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2006 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir Estate Reserve

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90	\$50	2010 - 2017	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Jay S Miller	29th Oct 2008	179, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2006 Pinot Noir Estate Reserve is a more substantial effort with riper, more succulent fruit, and greater length. Drink it from 2010 to 2017.
www.carltonwines.com

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89	\$36	2008 - 2012	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Jay S Miller	29th Oct 2008	179, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2006 Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton is medium ruby-colored with an expressive bouquet of spice box, smoke, black cherry, and black raspberry. This is followed by an easy-going, savory, ripe wine with good balance and an easy-going personality. Drink this tasty effort over the next four years.
www.carltonwines.com

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Variety: Pinot Noir

2005 Carlton Hill Wine Company Pinot Noir

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Carlton Hill Wine Company
89	\$40	2007 - 2010	From: USA , Oregon , Willamette Valley
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Jay S Miller	30th Oct 2007	173, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2005 Pinot Noir was produced from estate-grown fruit. Dark ruby-colored, it has a fragrant cedar, tobacco, and red fruit-scented bouquet. This leads to a medium-bodied Pinot with the elevated acidity and tannin of the vintage but with a broad enough band of ripe fruit to provide balance. Drink this tasty effort over the next few years while the fruit holds. Tel. (503) 852-7060;
www.carltoncellars.com/

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Pinot Noir

