

2012 CHAPTER 24 FIRE + FLOOD THE FIRE

Review Summary



93 pts – Year’s Best Pinot Noir “Suave and mineral, this wine is blended from vineyard sources representing the volcanic “Fire” soils of the Willamette Valley. It’s more red-fruited than its counterparts, with scents of cherries, cedar, sassafras and forest floor. A tannic component to the texture girds the wine while serving as a springboard, keeping it high-toned and elegant. A long-ager, it will reward the patient.”

Patrick Comiskey
Wine & Spirits Magazine
April 2015

93 pts “Medium reddish purple color in the glass. Demure aromas of black cherry, cranberry and spice. Middleweight flavors of black cherries, raspberries and baking spice with an earthy undertone. Slightly muscular tannins balanced with vibrant acidity make for a very seamless, polished impression. Much more aromatic and flavorful the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle suggesting good age ability.”

William Gaffney
PrinceOfPinot.com
March 29, 2014

92 pts “Vivid ruby. Sexy aromas of strawberry, raspberry and Asian spices, with a strong floral topnote. Taut red fruit flavors flesh out with air and show a deeper, sweeter cherry quality, with tangy acidity adding lift. Shows excellent clarity on the subtly tannic finish, with the cherry and spice notes repeating.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014



91 pts “The 2012 The Fire, from parcels located on volcanic soils, has more delineation on the nose, and is more reserved than The Flood, with engaging floral scents seeping through those layers of luxuriant dark cherry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. I noticed here more red fruit than The Flood, perhaps more clarity of terroir, and it comes with a refined, tensile and satin-like finish that will make you swoon. Excellent.”

Neal Martin
Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
March 2015

91 pts “Fresh and vibrant, with a layer of refined tannins underlining the currant and black cherry fruit, turning steely on the finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 2014

Exceptional “A new OBC wine that is more about fruit, fairly rich with plum, blue-berry and earth notes. Made from vines growing in sedimentary soils.”

Dan Berger
Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences
June 4, 2015