

ILLAHE

# ILLAHE 'BON SAUVAGE' WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

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## TECHNICAL DETAILS

### The Estate

Illahe is a Chinook Jargon word meaning “earth,” “land,” or “soil.” We feel this reflects both our location in Oregon, as well as our desire to craft wines which express the variety of soils on our beautiful 80 acre estate. Illahe Vineyards was established in 2000 by Lowell Ford, grower of Oregon grapes since 1983. Illahe is a LIVE-certified, Salmon Safe vineyard. We use cover crops on the entire vineyard. We are part of Oregon’s Deep Roots Coalition, and as such do not irrigate mature plants. We do extensive green pruning and conduct plant topping. We prune by hand and harvest by hand. We use sulfur spray to control for powdery mildew and botrytis.

### Wine Making

This pinot is 100% estate grown. It is a barrel selection of Brad and Nathan’s favorite barrels in the cellar. The Bon Sauvage is always a little more earth and sprice driven in character. This pinot is 100% native fermentation and macerates for 24 days before being pressed in our wood basket press. It then ages for 16 months in barrel before bottling.

### Food Suggestions

Pairs well with beef, veal deer, venison, and poultry dishes.

## TASTING NOTES

It opens with strong aromas of cedar chest and fresh plum. Red flavors of raspberry and strawberry, paired with dark flavors of black cherry and blackberry give this blend a strong backbone and bold palate. The smooth tannins and strong structure give the newest Bon Sauvage what it needs to survive in the bottle for years to come. Nose of cigar box, cedar chest, forest floor, fennel, earth, and erratic stone leads into a pallet of lingonberry, blueberry, violet, cranberry, and raspberry seed. This pinot is structured with fine tannin that will age softly. Finishes with clove, tobacco, and fresh cut fir.

**Estate Pinot Noir grape blend.**

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## VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

- Available Size: 750mL (12 pc)
- Sustainable
- ABV%: 13.1
- Class: Red

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