



## **2005 OLSON ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

Production: 109 cases

Bottled: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Retail Price: \$65.00

### *The Vintage*

Harvest 2005 returned to “normal” following two hot and dry vintages. Bud break was two weeks earlier than usual due to unusually warm weather in March. A cold and rainy April delayed the growth some. Bloom started mid-June in the Willamette Valley with more cool and wet weather that limited the fruit set, making for an uneven set with small shotberries mixed with more normal size berries. The summer was dry and warm, with fewer days above 90 degrees than the two previous vintages. All the fruit was picked beautifully ripe and clean. The resulting low yields and beautiful fall weather came together to create intensely expressive fruit.

### *The Vineyard*

Olson Vineyard is Torii Mor's Estate vineyard, located in the Red Hills of Dundee in Yamhill County, in the Dundee Hills appellation, and was initially planted in 1972. The south, southeast slope, along with the 825 foot average elevation, aid in this site's ability to ripen beautifully balanced Pinot Noir. The vineyard is planted with the Pinot noir clones of Pommard, Wadenswil, Dijon 667, and the Coury selection.

### *The Cellar*

Harvested on October 20<sup>th</sup>, the fruit was hand picked, sorted, destemmed then fermented in small 1.5 ton bins for 12 days before pressing. The wine aged for over 10 months in French oak barrels, 33.3% new, 22.2% one year old, 22.2% two years old and the rest neutral. The wine was racked twice, then clarified by fining with egg whites before bottling on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2006.

### *The Wine*

This Olson Vineyard has a great aroma of dark cherries, Graham crackers, and floral sweetness. The flavors are just as interesting with red cherries, raspberries, then black cherries and herb spices. The texture is thick and silky with sweet tannins. The finish is almost never ending, with sweetness of red and black fruit notes.

Jacques Tardy, winemaker.

“Through this Torii Mor, this Earth gate, we step, to make glad the soul, with wine”