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VESPIDAE

— 2012 —

**PINOT NOIR**

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

**THESIS:**

MULTI-GENERATIONAL SMOLDER:  
INGRID BERGMAN, NATALIE WOOD, JESSICA ALBA

**A STORY:** Vespidae (ves-puh-day): Latin name of the family of wasp trying to kill me.

**THE CLIFF NOTES:** Dark ruby in color, the wine throws earth and deep cherry taffy straight at your nose. Vibrantly expansive, it well balances weight, persistence and fruit across a bursting mouth of Bing cherry and cinnamon. On structure, think tongue on super-smooth teeth.

**THE VINTAGE:** The 2012 vintage in Oregon was a tall poppy. If you were on your game, it delivered a smallish crop with that ideal combination of power and grace. We almost always find it beneficial to be on our game.

—Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**PH:** 3.54

**THE BUILDING OF:** SIX-TO EIGHT-BARREL-LOT WILD YEAST FERMENTATIONS IN STAINLESS STEEL, 100% BARREL AGED FOR 17 MONTHS — 10% NEW, 11% ONE YEAR, 13% TWO YEAR, 66% THREE YEAR OR OLDER BARRELS. BOTTLED UNFINED AND UNFILTERED IN LATE FEBRUARY OF 2014.

**AGEABILITY:** WE ABSOLUTELY RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER DECANTING TO GET IT SOME AIR WITHIN ITS FIRST THREE YEARS. THIS WINE SHOULD EASILY CLIMB IN COMPLEXITY BEYOND TEN YEARS.

**VINEYARDS:**  
**TEMPERANCE HILL** (33 YEARS) BROUGHT OLD-VINE COMPLEXITY, **SHEA VINEYARD** (14 YEARS) CONTRIBUTED RIPE DARK FRUIT, **BROOKS ESTATE** (14 YEARS) DEEP RED FRUIT AND **ALLORO VINEYARD** (8 YEARS) FRESH ACIDITY.

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