

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

2012 Domaine Drouhin Oregon *Pinot Noir Cuvée Louise*

About the Cuvée Louise

The Louise cuvée is always special. In each vintage, Véronique knows that there lies hidden a selection of a few favorite barrels that, once nurtured and artfully blended, will become Louise. Seamless, complex, layered and deeply pleasing, it is a rare and decidedly wonderful wine. It is Louise.

Winemaking

All of our Pinot Noir is handpicked and hand-sorted, de-stemmed, and then allowed to ferment at its own pace. Typically in barrel for 15 months, Louise maintains its sense of place and vintage character through a gentle élevage, and the use of only 20% new French oak. Our goal is to produce Pinot Noir with balance, elegance and finesse, and Louise best exemplifies these qualities.

The Vintage

By any measure, 2012 is an extraordinary vintage. After the cool, late 2010 and 2011 harvests, nobody knew what to expect in 2012, and certainly, we could not have predicted such a spectacular growing season. Harvest began on October 3 under clear skies, and finished 15 days later. Day after day, we were amazed by the uniformly exceptional quality of fruit.

An experience to remember!

Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2012 Louise has a gorgeous color with brilliant violet nuances. On the nose, it is opulent and intense with a combination of blue fruits and spice, laced with subtle notes of oak. Very elegant on the palate, the texture is beautiful with deep red fruit flavors, leading into a rich, ample finish.

Refined with excellent balance, the Louise is delicious now, but can certainly be cellared for many years to come.

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Harvested: Oct. 3 - Oct. 18

Bottled: February 2014

295 cases produced

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