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**OREGON PINOT NOIR:
THE EXCEPTIONAL 2014S AND OFTEN SURPRISING 2013S**

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ROSE ROCK
DROUHIN OREGON

2014 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR EDITION LIMITÉE, 94 POINTS

Drink 2019 - 2025 | Release Date: May 2017

Ruby-red. Powerful, smoke- and spice-accented aromas of raspberry liqueur, spicecake and rose pastille are enlivened by a zesty mineral quality. Fleshy, deeply concentrated red and dark berry flavors show surprising vivacity, and notes of cola, candied flowers and Indian spices emerge with aeration. Finishes sweet, seamless and extremely long, delivering resonating spiciness, harmonious tannins and a subtle smoky touch. While this suave Pinot is built to age, I find it quite alluring right now.

2014 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR LOUISE, 94 POINTS

Drink 2019 - 2025 | Release Date: March 2017

Dark red. Musky, deep-pitched aromas of black raspberry, cherry liqueur and incense, plus a smoky nuance and a suggestion of vanilla. Sappy, pliant and penetrating on the palate, offering bitter cherry, dark berry and spicecake flavors complemented by licorice and mocha nuances. Becomes sweeter and more lively with air and finishes spicy and extremely long; smooth tannins frame the intense fruit.

2014 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR LAURÈNE. 93 POINTS

Drink 2019 - 2025 | Release Date: August 2017

Vivid red. A sexy, highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red berries, cola and rose oil, and a smoky flourish builds in the glass. Fleshy, expansive black raspberry, bitter cherry and floral pastille flavors show impressive depth as well as energy, picking up a hint of star anise with air. Finishes juicy, supple and very long, offering lingering spiciness and pliant, even tannins that fold effortlessly into the lush fruit.

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Drink 2018 - 2023 | Release Date: February 2016

Brilliant ruby-red. Ripe red berry and rose oil scents pick up notes of cola and allspice as the wine opens up. Fleshy and seamless on the palate, offering bitter cherry and black raspberry flavors enlivened by a spicy element that builds with air. The floral note comes back steadily on the gently tannic finish, which lingers with very good tenacity. Here's another entry-level 2014 that performs well above its station.

2014 DOMAINE DROUHIN ZÉPHIRINE PINOT NOIR, 92 POINTS

Drink 2019 - 2024 | Release Date: October 2016

Brilliant red. Ripe red and blue fruits, candied flowers, incense and a hint of licorice on the deeply perfumed nose. A spine of juicy acidity provides lift and structure to sweet raspberry and boysenberry flavors that open up slowly on the back half. Delivers a suave blend of power and finesse and finishes impressively long, showing resonating red fruit character and sneaky, harmonious tannins.

2014 DOMAINE DROUHIN ROSEROCK PINOT NOIR, 90 POINTS

Drink 2018 - 2023 | Release Date: Apr 2016

Deep red. Pungent aromas of cherry cola, blackberry and woodsmoke are lifted by lively floral and peppery spice qualities. Densely packed but lively on the palate, offering juicy dark berry and bitter cherry flavors and smooth, velvety texture. Opens up slowly with air, showing very good clarity and thrust on the long, spice-tinged, gently tannic finish.