

REVIEWS FOR 2002 ESTATE PINOT NOIRS

WillaKenzie Estate – 2002 Pinot Noir Pierre Léon

Bright, brash and juicy. A lively mouthful of cherry, cinnamon and bittersweet chocolate rocketing through a racy finish. Have it now with food or watch it develop. – *H.S.*

91 POINTS - May 31, 2005



WillaKenzie Estate - 2002 Pinot Noir Terres Basses

An irresistible jolt of ripe strawberry aroma fills the glass, along with a touch of marine air to match the oak. The flavors criss-cross oak and strawberry, then finish firmly with wood tannin – unresolved, but certain to come together with time. From a low-lying vineyard site on the estate. (449 cases)

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This medium to full-bodied, extracted wine is youthfully rustic and structured. Cassis liqueur, asphalt, earth, licorice, and dark cherry compote-like flavors can be discerned in its austere yet impressive personality. A Pinot behemoth, this wine has enormous potential if cellaring civilizes and harmonizes its admirable components.

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WillaKenzie Estate – 2002 Pinot Noir Alette

Distinctive. Firm, with chewy tannins around a plump, generous core of blackberry, cherry and tar flavors, lingering on the beautifully focused finish. – *H.S.*

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WillaKenzie Estate - 2002 Pinot Noir Emery

Willakenzie's Emery vineyard is set on a hillside ranging from 580 to 720 feet. In '02, it grew a wine that's compressed and dense, with cool, smoky black cherry scents that take time to emerge. The fruit flavors are accented by a touch of soy and pine, and for all their density of texture, the wine avoids feeling rich; instead, it has a brisk, almost salty minerality. Pour with seared breast of duck.

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WillaKenzie Estate - 2002 Pinot Noir Triple Black Slopes

An intense, powerful wine, the **2002 Pinot Noir Triple Black Slopes** sports aromatic and flavor profiles dominated by road tar, licorice, and black fruits. This ample, muscular, chunky effort is densely packed with fruit and exhibits a long finish with just a trace of alcoholic warmth. It will be long-lived and may, ultimately, merit a higher score.

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