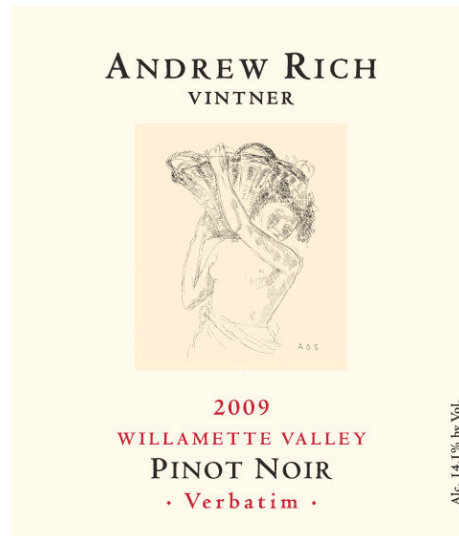


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2009 Pinot Noir Verbatim Willamette Valley

Deep red. Cherry and dark berry aromas are complemented by notes of licorice and woodsmoke. Fleshy and broad on entry, then firmer in the middle, offering chewy black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and a touch of peppery herbs. Finishes on a dusty, gently tannic note, with good grip and focus.



While I can't say that this is a word for word—grape for grape?—rendering of the vintage, that is more or less the idea behind the name. While the Prelude is pretty and open-knit and easy going, and The Knife Edge is the most structured with the greatest mid-palate depth, Verbatim is, I think, the blend that best captures the vintage, the place, and my wine-making sensibility. In a sense, it is the “literal” expression of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir in a given vintage. You can quote me.

Vineyards:

Ribbon Ridge, Ribbon Ridge AVA

La Colina, Dundee Hills AVA

Momtazi Family, McMinnville AVA

Bottled May 2011; 700 cases

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