

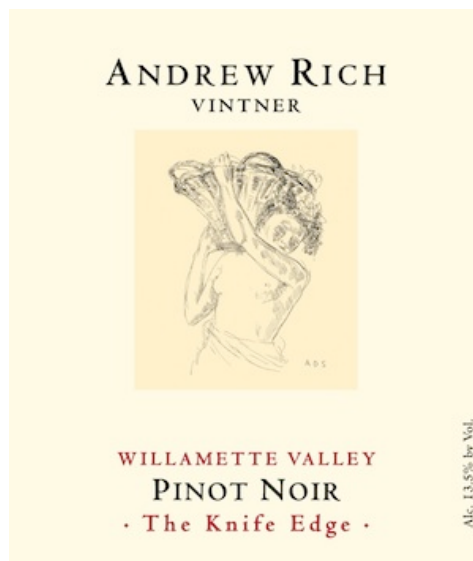
ANDREW RICH WINES

2011 Pinot Noir The Knife Edge

After the warm, ripe '12 vintage and the warm but challenging '13, it's fun to look back at a truly cool year in this cool climate of ours. The last of our 2011 Pinot releases, Knife Edge lives up to name, with chiseled acidity and a firm tannin structure. Yet these are now well integrated with the dense (but not heavy) red fruit of the mid-palate. A wine to ponder over the course of a meal. Game birds, perhaps? Best served at 60-65 degrees.

Brilliant ruby-red. Vibrant mineral-tinged red berry and floral pastille aromas show good clarity and a hint of orange pith. Tangy and incisive on entry, then fleshier in the middle, offering sappy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and a touch of allspice. Clings with very good tenacity, leaving notes of spicecake and red fruit behind.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar 90 Points



Bottled April 2014, 110 cases produced
Vineyards: La Colina (LIVE); Saikkonen (LIVE); Croft (Organic)
Aged 15 months in 35% new French oak
Alcohol: 13%

Richard Thompson, whose 1983 instrumental suggested this wine's name, noted that all music is a knife edge. The same could be said for the best wines born of cool-climate winemaking.

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