

2005

OREGON PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES

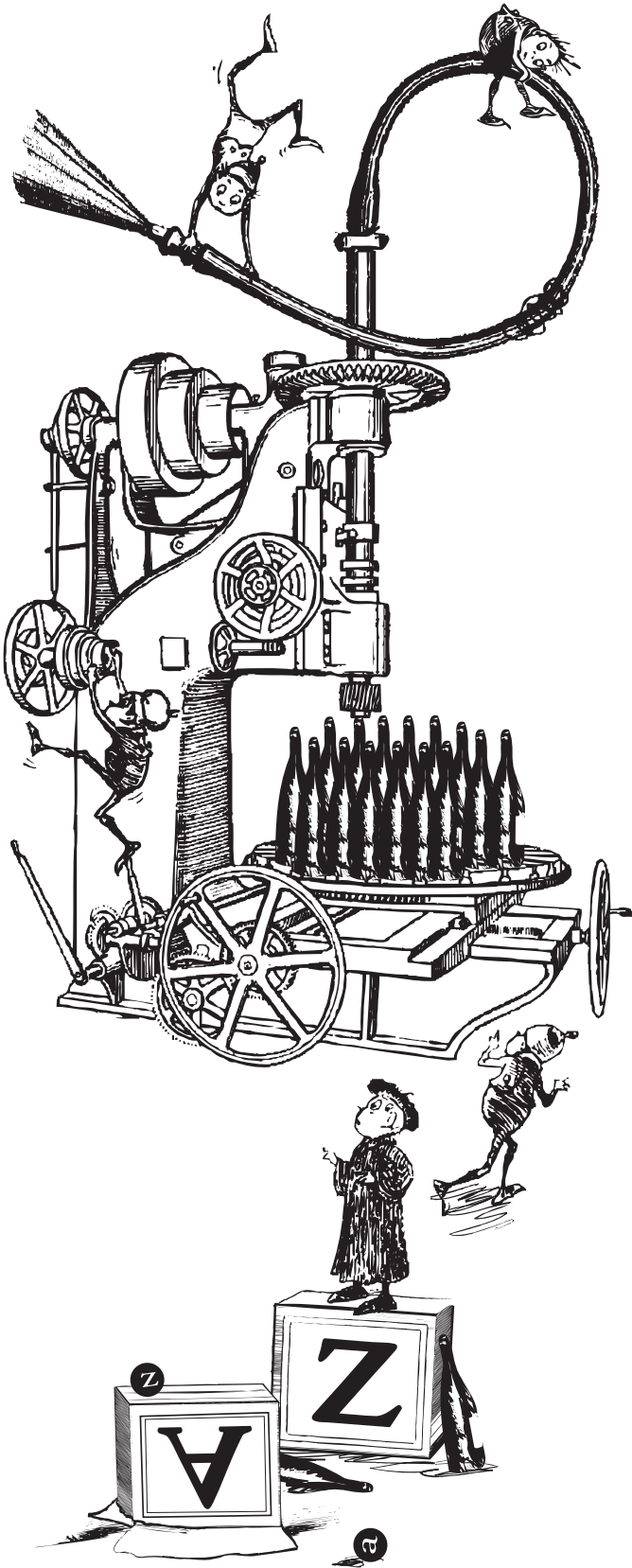
Clear and vibrant, this wine has a beautiful dark color and aromas of mixed berries, earth, smoke, violets, Asian spices and minerals. In the mouth, the wine mirrors the aromatics with a succulent texture and good acidity. As the finish unfolds, the individual characteristics of the wine unify and augment one another. Beautifully balanced between richness and power, the wine possesses amazing depth and purity. Classically proportioned while being built with long term potential, the concentrated 2005 A to Z Pinot Noir will be perhaps the longest lived wine we have made.

WINE

The A to Z 2005 Oregon Pinot Noir is crafted from wines made from at least sixteen different vineyards. Some of the wines we make or have made for us from purchased grapes. Other wines come from selected estates and represent many Pinot Noir clones and reflect different styles of winemaking. The resulting complex blend represents the essence of Oregon Pinot Noir in 2005. Aged in 100% French Oak barrels, this wine was blended and bottled in August 2005. 24,000 750 ml bottle cases were made.

VINTAGE

Cold, wet weather made for a late budbreak and flowering with shatter that translated into low yields for the second year in a row. Mildew threatened into July with a cooler summer than normal. It turned hotter towards the end of August and the beginning of September but picking did not begin until October. It was then interrupted by a bit of rain and cold but finished gloriously under beautiful skies well into November. These ended up being some of the best wines we have seen for years.



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