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Patricia Green Cellars 2002 Futures

PGC's 2002 futures are going quickly, even in this slow economic climate- Why? Perhaps because her Pinot noirs are so reasonably priced for their quality. We have tasted the 2002 wines in barrel with her several times and are confident that the wines are uniformly excellent, with some standouts that we especially like.

Six different 2002 Pinot noirs, \$25 a bottle ---- Order any combination of wines, no case discounts, no charge for shipping until when they ship in November/December of 2003. We are particularly impressed with the Anden Vineyard 2002.

I think this is the best deal for some of the best wine being made in the US today. These 2002's are drinking so well in barrel, and Patty's past vintages have each gotten better. The gal just has a knack, not the least part of which is her ability to motivate and pull together a cohesive team who have now worked together since 1993.

I tasted the wines again this week, and they are stunners. There will be some higher priced Pinots from her that are not being offered as futures, but the wines being offered now, particularly the Shea and Anden are as good as anything she has made. PGC is only 3 vintages old. I truly believe that an investment now in her wines for your cellar will be generously rewarded over the next decade. -jy

"Dream Team of Winemakers Comes to Play in the Northwest"

"New Venture Could Create Six or Seven New Wineries"

By Christina Kelly
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Imagine having the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright come to your neighborhood to design a building.

Picture Jane Austin in your study writing a new novel, or Julia Child preparing a fabulous meal in your kitchen.

Some of the world's most respected winemakers are coming to Washington State to make serious wine, the result of a new venture to bring a "Dream Team" from many corners of the world to Washington state.

Long Shadows Vintners is the brainstorm of Allen Shoup, 59, former CEO of Stimson Lane (Chateau Ste. Michelle and Columbia Crest wineries, to name a few). Shoup said those who "have cast long shadows on the wine industry" inspired the name.

The new partnerships could bloom into six or seven new wineries in the state over the next three years, producing premium wine in small quantities. So far, Shoup has selected California winemakers Randy Dunn (pictured below with Allan Shoup) and Agustin Huneus, and Bordeaux chateau owner Michel Rolland, the proprietor of Chateau Le Bon-Pasteur in Pomerol.



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Reserve Pinot Noir Club

Rex Hill Pinot Noir Jacob Hart Vineyard 00

\$49.99

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate rating 91 points for 99 vintage!



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Jacob-Hart has long been the heart of our reserve program. The fruit has distinctive cherry tea notes, with a long, sweet texture to the mouth. Early in the wine's life, the aroma of green tea dominates, but as the wine develops, the nose takes on dried cherry, fresh raspberry and brown tea qualities. Most striking is the distinctive feel to the palate of the wine made from Jacob-Hart. I am often asked if there is residual sugar in these wines, as the mouth has such lovely round-

Raptor Ridge Pinot Noir Murto Vineyard 00 \$21.99

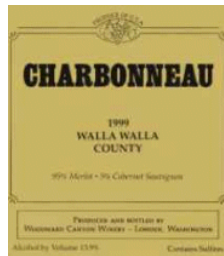
A refreshing price point for a 91 point Oregon Pinot noir, this wine shows the maturity of the vines and the winemaker's use of high quality fruit. Nicely balanced and ageable, unusually good for the price.



Wine Spectator rating 91 points: "A terrific value from one of the older vineyards in Willamette Valley. The 2000 is silky smooth and brimming with black cherry, black pepper and a faint touch of mint, as the flavors linger on the beautifully formed finish. Drink now through 2008."

Big Reds Club—

Woodward Canyon Walla Walla County Charbonneau Red 99 \$52.99



The 1999 Charbonneau red is a blend of 95% merlot and 5% cabernet sauvignon. This vineyard, owned by Mickey Witherspoon is located in northwestern Walla Walla County, high on a bench overlooking the Snake River with aspect toward the north and west. The soil is basalt rock land with very shallow, sandy soils of marginal productivity rarely producing more than three tons per acre.

The nose shows beautiful fruit of ripe Bing cherries and cassis; vanilla and spice of new barrels and the ubiquitous tobacco and cigar box aroma that is Charbonneau terroir. Ripe, sweet cherry fruit is in wonderful proportion with new oak, acidity, alcohol and tannin; the wine has great texture with soft, mature tannins and the finish is generous and long

Wine Spectator rating 90 points: "Crisp in texture, a bit earthy but ultimately nicely packed with cherry and herb flavors, this is an elegant red that picks up hints of dark chocolate on the long, beautifully formed finish. Drink now through 2008."

Delille Cellars D2 00 \$39.99



This wine is fruit-forward blackberries with a Merlot spice and violets which starts the impressive aroma. This vintage is a much stouter D2 than some of the previous. There is definite grip and soft ripe tannins that combine with the fleshy forward Merlot flavors. Lots of toast and chocolate in the middle flavors, and mostly gobs of dark fruits and berries.

-- The name D2 comes from the main wine road, the Route du Vin, running through the Médoc in Bordeaux.

The winemaker says: "The powerhouse nose of this wine leaps out of the glass with tons of black fruits and plums. There also are toasty chocolate oak characteristics that mingle with a touch of lead pencil, cassis and generous grape nuances. The mouth exhibits great ripeness with powerful cassis, black currant and other ripe black fruits. There is proper grip and acidity in the balance but the rich ripe flavors are the marquis here."

New Discoveries Club

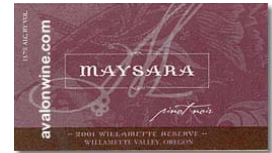
O'Reilly Riesling 2002 \$11.00



We opened the Riesling at the store for customers last Saturday and they went nuts over it. The fruit is from the Rosa Vineyard in Yakima, a vineyard below the famous "Rosa Mystery Block" of Owen Roe fame. David asked the vineyard owner to grow to his specifications, and the result is this excellent, serious wine, at a bargain price.

Great values from the makerz of Owen Roe and Sineann-David O'Reilly and Peter Rosback makes wines under the Owen Roe, Sineann, and O'Reilly labels, with the O'Reilly label designated for their less expensive wines. Well the price is great but there's nothing else "less" about the O'Reilly wines, made in very limited quantities and mostly distributed locally here in Oregon.

Maysara Pinot Noir Reserve 00 \$22.99



A classically styled Pinot with lots of red cherry and spice flavors, this wine shows balance and depth unusual for young vines. The winemaker, Jimi Brooks, has made the most of what looks to be a top rated new winery.

Maysara wines are made from the Momtazi vineyard, owned by the Maysara team. The list of wineries lining up to purchase Momtazi grapes is impressive. Lynn Penner-Ash, one of Oregon's top wine-makers, said she was surprised at the intensity and balance of such young fruit and predicts Maysara will rank highly with the best Oregon Pinot Noir in the years to come.

Other wineries purchasing Momtazi grapes include: Bergstrom, Sam Tannahill (Shea Vineyards) for his own label with his wife, Cheryl Francis, Andrew Rich, Adea, Tori Moore, Elk Cove, J.

Pinot Gris Club

Springhill Cellars Pinot Gris 2001 \$14.99

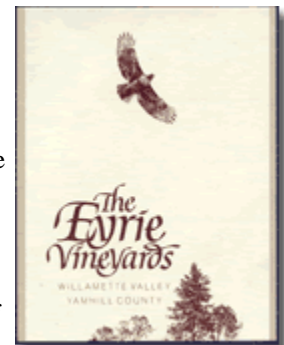


9-year-old own-rooted vines grown on a west slope on Veneta Variant soil (much like Willakenzie) on 3' X 9' spacing in the Mid Willamette Valley, Springhill in North Albany.

The Pinot gris was picked on Oct. 15 at 22.5 degrees brix from the lower block in the vineyard. The yield was 3.55 tons per acre. The wine was fermented very slowly at low temperature until dry in stainless steel and underwent a complete malolactic fermentation. The ending Total Acidity was 6.7 grams per liter.

It is a well balanced, fruity wine with aromas of pear and apple with a touch of honey. It is crisp yet full bodied with viscous mid palate, pear, apple and melon flavors with a lingering finish. It is a dry yet fruity style.

Eyrie Pint Gris Estate 2000 \$16.99



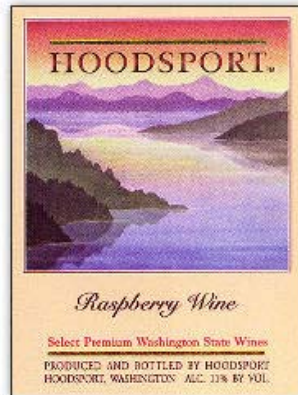
In 1970 David Lett produced the first Pinot gris in the U.S., and his wine remains the acknowledged benchmark for the increasingly popular varietal in America. Pinot gris is capable of a wide range of stylistic possibilities, and though Lett avoids comparing his wines, when pressed he says his Pinot gris most closely resembles Alsatian versions.

Medium body and balanced acidity make Eyrie's Pinot gris a versatile food wine; Lett's favorite match for his Pinot gris is salmon, which shares the wines slightly velvety texture and subtle flavors, both highlighted by the wine's hints of vanilla and cedar.

Dessert Wine Club

Hoodspport Raspberry Wine \$12.99

Dark ruby red. Intense characteristic fresh raspberry flavors that are lightly floral. A pleasant sipper with a long finish. This is an excellent sipping wine and complements many foods including wild game, pheasant, duck, game hens, pork and salads. It also goes especially well with rich deserts and chocolate. Serve chilled. A consistent gold medal winner.



Source: local independent farms in Western Washington and the Willamette Valley, Oregon.

Hoodspport Loganberry Wine \$12.99

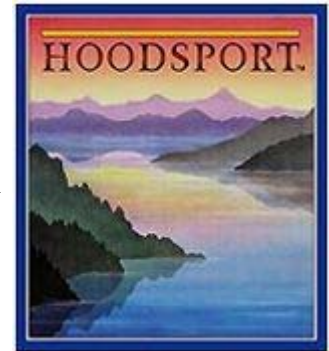
Tom Stockley: "Delightful, softly sweet fruit wine with tones of honey and jam. Serve it alone or with cheesecake."

Nick Tomassi: "The loganberry was my favorite of the four fruit wines Hoodspport poured."

Gold 1998 Central Washington State Fair

Silver "Best Buy." 1996 World Wine Championships.

"Deep pink. Balanced acidity. Moderately extracted. Mild sweetness. Strawberries, flowers, honey. A lovely, ripe



Beaux Freres Pinot Noir 2001 \$57.99

3/03 Wine Spectator rating 92 points!

ON SALE regular \$69.00.

Wine Spectator says: "Surprisingly refined, not as bold as most Beaux Frères vintages, even a bit light in color, but plenty rich in flavor, offering a lively mouthful of plum, blackberry and black pepper that echoes beautifully on the open-textured finish. Drink now through 2008.—H.S." 2800 cases made.

From the winery: This Pinot Noir is a medium dark ruby color with a sweet nose of black cherries, currants, vanilla and a touch of spice, this medium-bodied wine offers straightforward currant and cherry fruit flavors, a silky texture, a soft underbody, and an up-front, forward style.

In terms of wines we have produced to date, it is by far the most evolved and forward Pinot Noir since the 1995. It is a silky, seductive style of Pinot that may be an Oregonian example of a premier cru from Morey St.-Denis or Chambolle-Musigny. An interesting floral component may be from our new Dijon clones. Anticipated maturity: now-2007.

Highly recommended by Avalon.

