



2014 CABALLUS CELLARS PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON

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Our friendship started in the early 80's back in Burgundy where we met at the local horse riding club of Beaune. Soon after, we realized that we have two common passions: horses and wine.

For the following 10 years, still riding, we made wine together both in Burgundy and Oregon, working for Véronique's family winery Joseph Drouhin and Domaine Drouhin Oregon.

Today, Isabelle Dutartre is the winemaker of DePonte Cellars and Véronique Boss-Drouhin at Domaine Drouhin. We hardly find time to ride anymore but we have raised 3 beautiful children each.

Our dream to make wine together has been in the works for 30 years. We have finally done it!

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Production is small: around 8 barrels.

We are crafting a style of wine we like: elegant, balanced and complex, with a cashmere texture leading to a harmoniously long finish. Caballus is a sensual wine that can be enjoyed in its youth or cellared for years.



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Celebrating 30 years in Oregon with
my dear friend Isabelle Dutartre



James Suckling - 95 Points

The 2014 has terrific aromas of raspberries, blackberries, stones and bark. Full-bodied, tight and chewy with linear and defined tannins that are silky and beautiful. Wonderful length and focus. A tiny-production wine from Veronique Drouhin and Isabelle Dutartre. Drink in 2019.

Wine Enthusiast - 95 Points

Co-winemakers Véronique Drouhin-Boss and Isabelle Dutartre call this "the story of our friendship in a bottle," and what a fine bottle it is. It's a full throttle wine, thoroughly expressing the richness and power of the best Oregon Pinot Noirs. Dense and detailed around potent black cherry fruit, it extends itself with lovely threads of toast and coffee, from fermentation with native yeasts, and aging in roughly one-third new French oak.

Vinous - 93 Points

Lurid red. Sexy, highly perfumed cherry, raspberry and floral pastille scents are complemented by a hint of exotic Asian spices. Palate-staining red fruit preserve, cola and spicecake flavors convey power as well as vivacity thanks to a spine of juicy acidity. The floral quality comes back steadily on an impressively long, sappy, focused finish shaped by smooth tannins. -- Josh Reynolds

