



2015 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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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.

James Suckling - 95 Points

A partnership between friends, Véronique Drouhin and Isabelle Dutartre, produced 175 cases of this pinot, which has a very rich, complex feel from the get go with fresh brown mushrooms, sous bois and dried roses, as well as wild red cherries and dried spices. The palate has a very succulent and fresh feel with a long, smooth delivery of fine, sleek, chalky tannins, wrapped around smooth red cherries. Long and layered. Drink or hold.

Burghound - 91 Points

(Willamette Valley, 175 cases, 14.2%). A relatively high-toned and attractively perfumed nose offers up a top note of menthol along with a pretty blend of both red and dark pinot fruit, spice and briar scents. The delicious, vibrant and appealingly textured medium weight flavors possess good focus and length on the solidly complex finish where the only nit is a touch of warmth. At 5 years of age, this isn't yet seductive but I like the style as well as what the wine has to say. Note that while this lovely effort could easily be enjoyed now, I would be inclined to hold it for a few more years first. 91/2023+



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Celebrating 30 years in Oregon with my dear friend Isabelle Dutartre



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