



# ATTICUS

FOUR CULTURES, TWO FAMILIES, ONE DREAM...

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY • PINOT NOIR • 2005

The grapes for our 2005 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir were handpicked from Yamhill Springs and Hawk's View Vineyards, combining Wadenswil and 667 clones, with the majority coming from Yamhill Springs. Grapes from each vineyard were fermented separately and spent 9 months in mostly neutral French barrels and after racking and blending spent 1 month in newer French oak before bottling on September 2nd 2006. Together with our winemaker Scott Shull, from Raptor Ridge, our goal was to create an elegant and approachable wine that would reflect the earth and let the fruit shine. With a clear ruby red color and aromas of cherry, red berries, rose and soft hints of vanilla, this wine is light on the palate, subtly reflecting the nose, with a finish that lingers and a nice acid structure.

### *Hawk's View Vineyard*

Planted primarily 15 years ago (with some blocks added in 1997 and 1998), this vineyard is located on the Chehalem Ridge in Washington County and is planted on Laurelwood soils at an altitude ranging from 250 to 500 feet. The vineyard was purchased by the Kemp family in 2002 whose philosophy is centered on low input farming practices to produce premium Pinot Noir grapes. The grapes from this vineyard contributed the earthy notes that underline our 2005.

### *Yamhill Springs Vineyard*

Planted 18 years ago, Yamhill Springs Vineyard is located in the extreme western edge of the Willamette Valley in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, 11 miles west of Yamhill, Oregon. The vineyard is planted on Peavine soils and it sits in the foothills of the coastal range rolling from 450 to 600 feet in altitude. The vineyard block used for our wine is all planted to the Wadenswil clone which typically produces grapes with beautiful perfume and strong berry and cherry notes. Due to its proximity to the coast range, it is a cool vineyard site and often late to ripen. Grapes for this vintage were picked on October 18th, with a chemistry of 22.4 Brix, .90 TA and 3.08 PH. The vineyard is owned by the Young family.

### *Our Winemaker*

We feel very fortunate to have the very experienced and talented Scott Shull of Raptor Ridge as our winemaker. Scott has numerous outstanding vintages under his belt. We were drawn to his perceptive approach to winemaking. He firmly believes that by having a close hand in vineyard management, yielding to the will of the grapes and using some intuition, a true expression of Oregon Pinot Noir can be created. We wanted an approachable, elegant wine which would truly reflect the beauty and complexity of the Oregon Pinot Noir grape. Scott achieved this by carefully selecting grapes from vineyards which best matched our style, then letting nature and chemistry take its course. We look forward to working with Scott while we establish our dream. If you would like to learn more about Scott please visit [www.raptoridge.com](http://www.raptoridge.com)

*295 cases of this wine were made.*

*...to establish a family owned winery embracing Oregon's values of nurturing the land and the future. Our goal is to create elegant and approachable wines that will reflect the earth and let the fruit shine. From our dream to your glass...*

20501 Russell Creek Rd • Yamhill, OR 97148 • [www.atticuswine.com](http://www.atticuswine.com) • (503) 662-3485