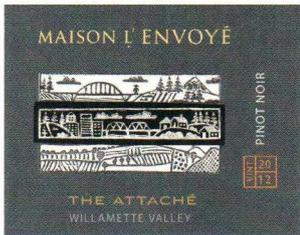
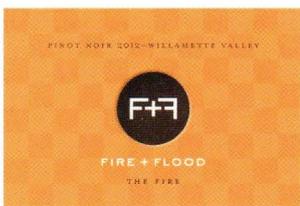


94 | Chapter 24 Vineyards \$60
2012 Willamette Valley Fire + Flood The Flood Pinot Noir This wine is a blend of four vineyards, all from the sedimentary (“Flood”) soils series found in the Willamette Valley. A vibrant purple, there’s a dark cherry thrust to the aroma, adorned by a touch of nori. The flavors are more demonstrative—dark and blue, rippling, pure, saturating, they reach the edge of your mouth the way color reaches the edge of the glass. In its texture the wine is at its most seductive, the purity of fruit held in place by a skidding, gravelly grip. Delicious now, it will deepen further with cellar time. *Chapter 24 Vineyards, Dundee, OR*



94 | Maison L'Envoyé \$40
2012 Willamette Valley The Attaché Pinot Noir From a project between Mark Tarlov and the import team of Old Bridge Cellars, this stylish wine leads with seductive dark purple fruit, brown sugar and cinnamon accents and a hint of forest floor. The flavors are completely mouthfilling, the fruit like roasted cherry with a blue tinge, the texture silky and creamy at once, with a focus to all that lusciousness that lasts. (500 cases) *Maison L'Envoyé, Dundee, OR*



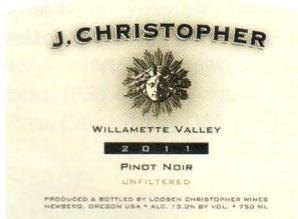
93 | Chapter 24 Vineyards \$60
2012 Willamette Valley Fire + Flood The Fire Pinot Noir Suave and mineral, this wine is blended from vineyard sources representing the volcanic “Fire” soils of the Willamette Valley. It’s more red-fruited than its counter-

parts, with scents of cherries, cedar, sassafras and forest floor. A tannic component to the texture girds the wine while serving as a springboard, keeping it high-toned and elegant. A long-ager, it will reward the patient. *Chapter 24 Vineyards, Dundee, OR*

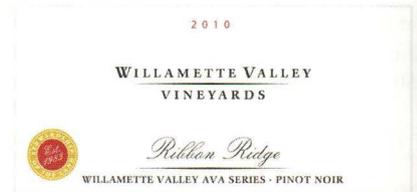
92 | Alloro \$35
2010 Chehalem Mountains Estate Pinot Noir (Best Buy) Generous and lush, this pinot’s roasted cherry scents carry a dark sassafras spice, an earthiness that gives textural support. The flavors are delivered in a silky package, bright and forward, with a sweet finish. Give it a little time in the cellar to work off the baby fat, then serve with roast salmon. (1,250 cases) *Alloro Vineyards, Sherwood, OR*

92 | Bethel Heights \$50
2011 Eola-Amity Hills Estate Justice Vineyard Pinot Noir Vinous and concentrated, this has a tannic undergirding that seems a hallmark of the 2011 vintage. There’s nice polish to the texture, a vinous core supporting dried plum and black cherry scents, and a subtle earthiness that suggests squab as a pairing. (143 cases) *Bethel Heights Vineyard, Salem, OR*

91 | Bethel Heights \$58
2011 Eola-Amity Hills Flat Block Pinot Noir Lean and taut, this wine’s scents of rye and lavender rise out of a core of dark cherry fruit. It’s lean, in keeping with the vintage, and could use a little time in the cellar for its elements to coalesce. (214 cases) *Bethel Heights Vineyard, Salem, OR*



91 | J. Christopher \$30
2011 Willamette Valley Unfiltered Pinot Noir (Best Buy) High toned and a touch herbal, this wine seems tentative at first, but with some air a soil-like depth comes into play, and the palate opens up toward a dark-fruited expanse, focused and lean as the vintage dictates. Cellar, then serve with wild-mushroom pizza. (2,300 cases) *Loosen Christopher Wines, Newberg, OR*



91 | Willamette Valley Vineyards \$50
2010 Ribbon Ridge Redman Vineyard Pinot Noir Exuberantly perfumed, this generous red leads with scents of red cherry and forest floor. The flavors are suave and creamy, pushing toward excess, but the wine remains elegant and on point. (167 cases) *Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner, OR*



90 | Benton-Lane \$29
2012 Willamette Valley Estate Grown Pinot Noir (Best Buy) Scents of dark plum gain contour from spice notes of clove and forest floor. The flavors are plush and exuberantly round, creamy in the middle, the finish hinting back at soil. This still needs time to integrate, but everything’s in place. *Benton-Lane Winery, Monroe, OR*

89 | J. Christopher \$52
2011 Dundee Hills Sandra Adele Pinot Noir (Best Buy) Scents of horehound and tea lead into this quiet, savory pinot. The flavors deepen with air, the sweet red fruits adorning a chewy texture. Cellar, then serve with smoked trout. (145 cases) *Loosen Christopher Wines, Newberg, OR*

88 | Seven of Hearts \$20
2012 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (Best Buy) Dark cherry and toasty oak combine with an appealing directness in this well-priced red, with a round, juicy core of fruit that gives the wine a vibrant center. (756 cases) *Seven of Hearts, Dundee, OR*

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91 | Chateau Ste. Michelle \$22
2012 Horse Heaven Hills Canoe Ridge Estate Chardonnay (Best Buy) From a