

Brittan Vineyards

ACCOLADES

While we do not live or die by the press, it is certainly rewarding to have our efforts acknowledged by acclaimed wine writers. It took years to find the ideal site on which to grow Pinot Noir but after an exhaustive search, we found our 128-acre hillside in Oregon in December 2004. We are most appreciative of reviewers and critics recognizing the distinctive McMinnville terroir of this special site.

"A personal encounter with these singular wines should be high on the to-do list of any wine lover— not just Pinotophile— who hasn't yet had the experience."

- DAVID SCHILDKNECHT, *Wine Advocate*, August 2012

"Veteran vigneron Robert Brittan had over 30 vintages under his belt when he decided to move from Napa Valley to Willamette Valley in 2014 to make Pinot noir. He purchased a rugged mountain site within the cool McMinnville AVA from which he makes two cuvees, one called Gestalt Block coming from exposed blocks in the vineyard and the other called Basalt Block from the parts of the vineyard that have the heaviest concentrations of broken basalt. He has succeeded in taming the herbaceousness often present in McMinnville fruit while producing wines with low pH and firm acidity sure to send bolts of rapture through lovers of great Burgundy."

- JAY MILLER, *Wine Advocate*, October 2011

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WILLAMETTE VALLEY

2013 Pinot Noir

BASALT BLOCK



ALC. 13.2% BY VOL.

"For years, I have dreamed of making Pinot Noir in Oregon. In 2004, Ellen and I purchased the 128-acre hillside outside of McMinnville. From this site I believe I can produce unique wines, wines that speak of this place."

- ROBERT BRITTAN, FOUNDER

BASALT BLOCK PINOT NOIR

2014 - *James Suckling* 94 points
Vinous 92 points
International Wine Report 94 points

"Closes very long and spicy, featuring resonating red berry liqueur character and smooth tannins that add gentle grip. For a rich vintage, this bottling shows very nice vivacity."

- JOSH RAYNOLDS *Vinous*

2013 - *Wine Advocate* 91 points
Wine Spectator 90 points
Vinous 90 points

2012 - *Wine Spectator* 94 points
Wine Advocate 90 points
Wine Enthusiast 93 points
Vinous 91 points

2011 - *Wine Advocate* 94 points
Wine Enthusiast 91 points

2010 - *Wine Spectator* 92 points
Wine Advocate 93 points
Vinous 91 points

GESTALT BLOCK PINOT NOIR

2014 - *James Suckling* 95 points
Vinous 92 points
International Wine Report 95 points

2013 - *Wine Advocate* 93 points

"What a sophisticated and compelling Pinot Noir, a sensorial delight, but at the same time intellectual. This comes highly recommended."

- NEAL MARTIN *Wine Advocate*

2012 - *Wine Spectator* 93 points
Wine Enthusiast 94 points Cellar Selection
Wine Advocate 91 points

2011 - *Wine Advocate* 95 points
Wine Enthusiast 92 points
Vinous 92 points

2010 - *Wine Advocate* 94 points
Wine Spectator 92 points
Vinous 91 points

CHARDONNAY

2014 - *Vinous* 90 points

2013 - *Wine Enthusiast* 94 points Cellar Selection
Wine Advocate 89 points

"A thrilling wine, this impresses instantly with its detail and definition. Vividly fruity mix of melon, apple and stone fruits, this tangy, toasty effort has nuanced notes of herb and mineral as well."

- PAUL GREGUTT *Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - *Wine Advocate* 89 points