

DOMAINE SERENE

MARK BRADFORD VINEYARD PINOT NOIR ^{v.} 2008

"The best vintage Oregon has ever produced."

94 POINTS - "An exceptionally fragrant and expressive nose of sandalwood, spice box, incense, floral notes, black cherry, and black raspberry, It is the densest, richest, and most layered of the Serene offerings along with exceptional length and precision. It will reward 4-5 years of cellaring and should easily see its 20th birthday." - *Robert Parker*

VINEYARD

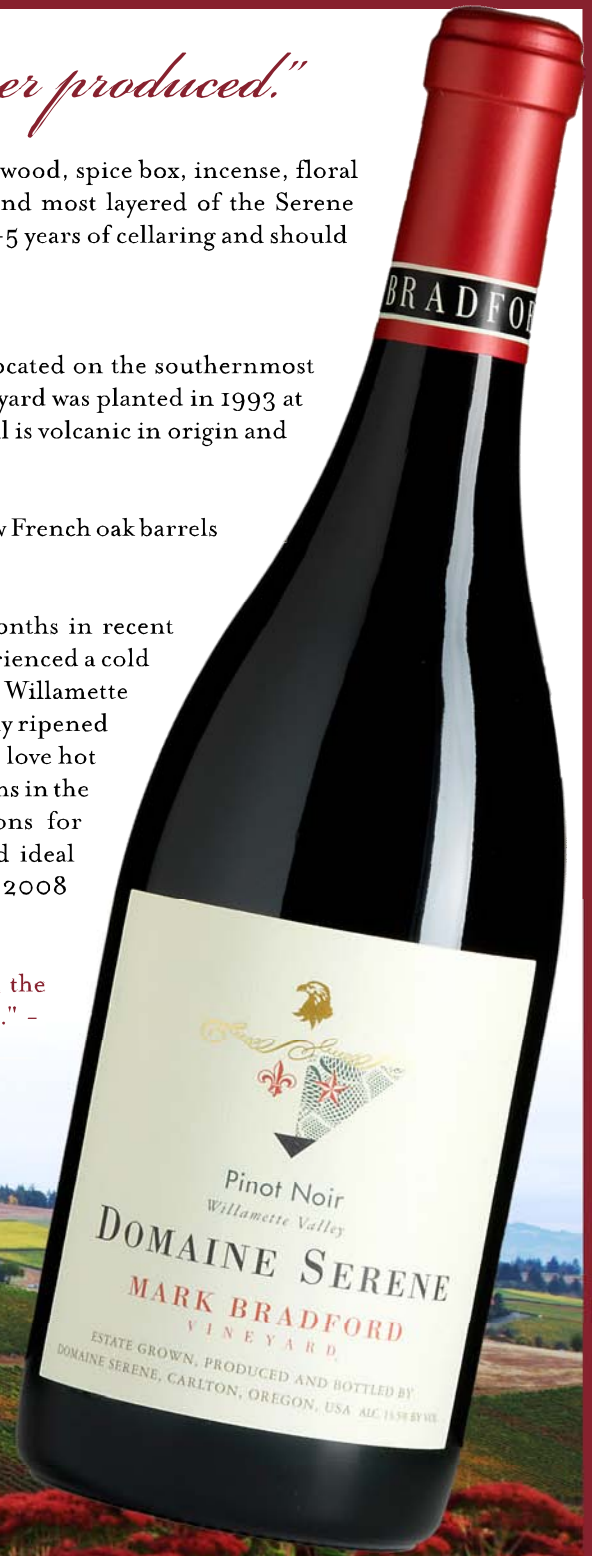
Mark Bradford is one of the seven vineyards of the Evenstad Estate located on the southernmost hilltop of the Dundee Hills of Oregon. This 11-acre, west-facing vineyard was planted in 1993 at an elevation of 640-740 feet and is late ripening. The crumbly red soil is volcanic in origin and of the Jory series.

CROP YIELD & AGING - 1.58 tons/acre. Aged 20 months in 88% new French oak barrels

VINTAGE NOTES

Overcast weather made June and July two of the coolest summer months in recent memory making it reminiscent of 1997, the last year that Oregon experienced a cold summer. In the nick of time, Mother Nature decided to smile on the Willamette Valley, and the sun came out. A gorgeous late summer/early fall not only ripened fruit, it's redeemed 2008 to the point of greatness. Pinot noir grapes love hot days and cold nights - and 2008 provides them. 2008's September highs in the low '90s are paired with nights in the low '40s, perfect conditions for complexity as well as ripeness. In the end, Mother Nature delivered ideal conditions for making complex and full bodied Pinot noir. The 2008 vintage may represent a new benchmark for Oregon Pinot Noir.

"In the 2008's, you've got the best vintage Oregon has ever produced, the kind of vintage Oregon winemakers always hoped they could produce." - *Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator.*



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