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Year's Best Pinot Noir

YAMHILL-CARLTON

93 | Furioso \$78
2021 Yamhill-Carlton Gina Trovato Vineyard Pinot Noir Low alcohol and high tones lead in this fresh, elegant red, with fruit-blossom scents giving way to a brushy, mildly herbal core of cranberry and raspberry fruit. Despite lightness of tone and flavor, it has the grip and tension for smoked-paprika chicken. —P.J.C.

93 | Raptor Ridge \$50
2019 Yamhill-Carlton Gran Moraine Vineyard Pinot Noir Scott Shull sources this fruit from mid-slope blocks on a vineyard outside of Yamhill, a cool, western valley vineyard near the Coast Range. He preserves the coolness in the wine, in its mildly spicy sassafras aromatics and tense plum-skin flavors. There's a breezy energy that becomes livelier for days after the wine is first opened. —P.J.C.

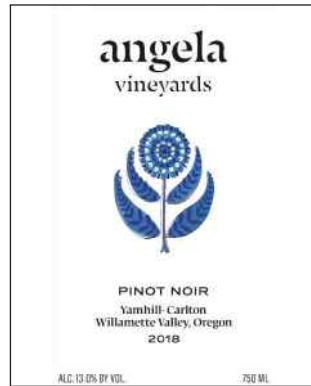
93 | Raptor Ridge \$50
2021 Yamhill-Carlton Atticus Vineyard Pinot Noir From a small Yamhill Carlton vineyard, the site was planted in 2005 by Ximena Orrega, once an intern at Raptor Ridge, who pursued vine growing. This wine is exotically perfumed, with scents of sandalwood, cinnamon and potpourri. Its flavors ride that spicy savor with red-cherry and apple sweetness, lean and lively, with spicy tannins to close. —P.J.C. (115 cases)

93 | St. Innocent \$70
2019 Yamhill-Carlton Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir Burly and supremely flavorful, Shea vineyard fruit plays to Mark Vlossak's strengths, making for a dark spicy wine with Dr. Pepper scents, hints of sassafras and carob, ushered along by assertive oak notes. The palate is vinous but velvety, packed with flavor yet delivered with surprising precision. —P.J.C. (875 cases)

92 | Nicolas-Jay \$100
2019 Yamhill-Carlton Bishop Creek Pinot Noir A savory red from one of the winery's estate vineyards, this offers scents of cinnamon and plum with a red-fruited briskness to the flavors. It's lifted and supple, with a pleasing granular texture. For duck. —P.J.C.

92 | Roco \$60
2021 Yamhill-Carlton Marsh Estate Pinot Noir This wine starts out with broad oak aromatics which tuck in with air, revealing clean red fruit, bright with berry pie flavors, and just a kiss of vanilla to sweeten it. Plush and on point. —P.J.C. (450 cases)

92 | Soléna \$60
2021 Yamhill-Carlton Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir Laurent Montalieu makes sumptuous pinots: His Shea bottling channels sedimentary notes that are vinous and dark with a breadth of fruit-skin tannins that give the wine the feel of a blanket. There's just enough delineation to the texture to pour with a lean cut of beef, like flank steak. —P.J.C.



91 | Angela Vineyards \$38
2018 Yamhill-Carlton Pinot Noir (BEST BUY) Scents of maraschino cherry and tar give way to a mildly volatile grip and lift that

gives the wine a pleasing Italianate feel. It's grainy and savory, for braised beef. —P.J.C. (2,762 cases)

91 | Furioso \$103
2019 Yamhill-Carlton Anna Trovato Vineyard Pinot Noir There's quiet tension to this wine, a beam piercing dark-cherry fruit pointed up by a touch of volatile acidity and an earthy note. The flavors need time to develop, but the texture is seductive and lifted. —P.J.C.

91 | Holocene \$65
2020 Yamhill-Carlton Memorialis Pinot Noir Reflecting the sedimentary soils of Yamhill-Carlton to a 't,' this pinot is juicy and dark, with an almost pie-like richness offset by a smoky savor that's both balsamic and sanguine. It has the stuffing to age well. —P.J.C. (150 cases)

91 | Lange \$80
2021 Yamhill-Carlton Assemblage Pinot Noir This assemblage blends the fruit of two vineyards, Yamhill and Hirschy, and leads with the scent of smoked tea and wild blackberries. It's brambly, with a red-fruited core, mildly tannic but well-behaved in a berry-skin finish. —P.J.C. (450 cases)

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