

Benmar

2022 Benmar Springbok Pinot Noir
Yamhill-Carlton

Tasting Notes

The wine enchants the senses with a bouquet of violets, anise, and forest floor. Savory, floral, and spice-focused characteristics stand out on the palate, featuring spiced red and black fruits with aromatic notes of red cedar and cola.

The 2022 Yamhill-Carlton Pinot Noir is a rich and versatile wine that hails primarily from the esteemed Hirschy Vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton district. Additional elements such as crushed granite, blackberry/blueberry pie, and a touch of umami contribute to its well-rounded flavor profile. This wine boasts a medium-weight and velvety tannin structure that harmoniously melds with the delicate nuances of French oak and mineral elements, ultimately delivering a rich, juicy, and long finish that captivates the palate.

About the Wine

The photo was taken on a trip to Orcas Island. Jen and I were whale watching, and she snapped this photo of Spieden Island. In the 1960s, two taxidermist brothers imported exotic animals and birds for visitors to hunt. The brothers built a hunting lodge, airstrip, and hangar to accommodate hunters, who paid to fly in and hunt animals such as lions, tigers, giraffes, rhinos, monkeys, and other types of exotic animals.

Some say that celebrities like John Wayne hunted on the island. As the local lore goes, a brave Springbok swam to Orcas Island, exposing what was happening on Spieden Island. Some animals that could thrive in the island's habitats remained, and we could still see these animals on the island.

