

Benmar

2023 Benmar Springbok Pinot Noir
Yamhill-Carlton

96/100 Decanter

The 2023 Benmar Springbok Pinot Noir from Yamhill-Carlton in Oregon's Willamette Valley is a chiselled, focused, and deeply layered wine. Medium-bodied in presence, it delivers a **tremendous concentration of forest berry fruit laced with fragrant conifer and spearmint notes**. A thread of cool, wet slate minerality runs from the aromatics to the finish, giving the wine a vivid sense of place. There's impressive density and fruit weight here, balanced by firm, taut tannins that gradually resolve through that slate-driven mineral core to reveal a juicier, more open-knit character with air—a wine of structure, clarity, and poise.” - Decanter

BENMAR — A testament to family, crafted with love. Named for my children Bennett and Marecca, their energy and spark echo in every bottle. The photo, taken by my wife Jen, captures the essence of the Pacific Northwest, our cherished home.

The photo is of Spieden Island, which is privately owned (apparently by James Jannard of Oakley, Inc.) and about 2 miles long and 1/2 mile wide. In the 1960s, it was a hunting reserve for exotic animals like lions and giraffes brought in by taxidermist brothers. As the local lore goes, a brave Springbok swam to Orcas Island, exposing what was happening there. You can still see some animals that have learned to adapt to the chilly island.

TASTING NOTES:



BLACK
CHERRY



BLACKBERRY



CONIFER



SPEARMINT



MEDIUM
BODY

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