

## Wine Advocate # 179 (Oct 2008)

Reviews by Jay Miller

### **Rating 93**                      **2006 Le Cadeau Vineyard Pinot Noir Équinoxe**

The 2006 Pinot Noir Equinoxe is dark ruby-colored with aromas of smoke, toast, leather, and dark fruits. Sweet, savory, and succulent, the wine has excellent depth and concentration, complex flavors and a lengthy finish. Tom and Deb Mortimer purchased their property in the Chehalem Mountains AVA in 1997 and began planting in 1999. Currently there are 10 acres in production with another 5 to come on-line next year. Four Pinot Noirs are produced, all from estate fruit, and each is made by a different winemaker.

### **Rating 93**                      **2006 Le Cadeau Vineyard Pinot Noir Rocheux**

The 2006 Pinot Noir Rocheux is quite different aromatically featuring more floral notes, spice, cherry, and raspberry. Layered and complex on the palate, it neatly conceals enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years. It should drink well from 2011 to 2019. Tom and Deb Mortimer purchased their property in the Chehalem Mountains AVA in 1997 and began planting in 1999. Currently there are 10 acres in production with another 5 to come on-line next year. Four Pinot Noirs are produced, all from estate fruit, and each is made by a different winemaker.

### **Rating 92**                      **2006 Le Cadeau Vineyard Pinot Noir Côte Est**

The 2006 Pinot Noir Cote Est is dark ruby-colored with aromas of pain grille, spice box, black cherry, and black raspberry. It has a bit more structure than the preceding wines along with layers of fruit, darker flavors, and a pure, fruit-filled finish. Tom and Deb Mortimer purchased their property in the Chehalem Mountains AVA in 1997 and began planting in 1999. Currently there are 10 acres in production with another 5 to come on-line next year. Four Pinot Noirs are produced, all from estate fruit, and each is made by a different winemaker.

### **Rating 90**                      **2006 Le Cadeau Vineyard Pinot Noir Diversité**

The 2006 Pinot Noir Diversite is dark ruby-colored with aromas of smoke, spice box, and dark fruits. On the palate it is smooth textured with plenty of black cherry and blueberry fruit and a hint of chocolate in the background. This is followed by a lengthy, pure finish. Tom and Deb Mortimer purchased their property in the Chehalem Mountains AVA in 1997 and began planting in 1999. Currently there are 10 acres in production with another 5 to come on-line next year. Four Pinot Noirs are produced, all from estate fruit, and each is made by a different winemaker.

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### **Score 92**                      **2006 Le Cadeau Diversité, Willamette Valley Pinot Noir**

Light and fragrant, offering a silky-textured mouthful of plum, currant and delicate spices that hover over the finish beautifully. Drink now through 2014. 315 cases made. *-HS Dec 15, 2008*