

2008 Arborbrook Vineyards Pinot Noir Heritage Cuvee

Rating: 90
Drink: 2010-2018

The 2008 Pinot Noir Heritage Cuvee is medium ruby-colored with an expressive nose of smoke, spice box, incense, cherry, and raspberry. Easygoing on the palate with ample spicy fruit buttressed by lively acidity, this savory effort has a medium-long seamless finish. Drink it over the next 6-8 years.

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2008 Arborbrook Vineyards Pinot Noir Estate 777 Block

Rating: 90
Drink: 2012-2020

The 2008 Pinot Noir Estate 777 Block spent 11 months in 25% new oak. Cherry blossom, cedar, spice box, black cherry, and black raspberry scents lead to a medium-bodied, layered wine with excellent volume and flavor intensity. This well-balanced offering has enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years and will deliver prime drinking from 2012 to 2020.

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2008 Arborbrook Vineyards Pinot Noir Vintner's Select

Rating: 92
Drink: 2013-2023

The 2008 Pinot Noir Vintner's Select spent 18 months in 100% new oak. Dark ruby red, it exhibits a brooding bouquet of pain grille, Asian spices, incense, underbrush, and wild berries. On the palate it is plush, velvety, and rich, with exceptional volume and a long, seamless finish. Give this nicely structured effort 3-4 years of cellaring and drink it from 2013 to 2023.

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