PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 275 Cases Dijon Clone: 667 & 777 | 50% New French Oak

"The 2012 Gap's Crown Pinot Noir displays why this vineyard is so special. Perfectly ripened fruit wrapped up into a precise and persistent wine. Densely packed dark fruits, lifted rich tart cherry, exotic green tea notes, and a touch of barrel spice emanate from the glass when swirled which are framed by ample natural acidity.

The palate is awash with a savory like complexity and is densely packed with dark and red fruits across the spectrum. A smooth mid-palate echoes the above elements along with strawberry fruit, mint, garrigue, and tannins that are refined yet prominent.

A few years in the bottle will allow it to become more integrated and allow the underlying nuances to emerge. Drink now with a short decant or age for 4-6 years."

> *Mike Smith Winemaker*

