

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar-July/August 2012

90 Points- 2011 Illahe Pinot Noir Reserve Willamette Valley

(\$40) Bright red. Fresh red berry and floral aromas are given depth by suggestions of anise and mocha. Sappy and penetrating on the palate, offering sweet raspberry and cherry flavors and a touch of bitter chocolate. Silky tannins come on late and add structure to a long, spicy finish that leaves notes of star anise and candied rose behind.