2009 Cuvée Exceptionelle Pinot Noir

Dark and brooding Pinot Noir with tremendous ageing potential. Sweet aggressive tannins from 18 months barrel time. Eucalyptus, cocoa, and cigar box but all very subdued. A lot of grip that is appealing now and will develop into sensuous body later. Baked cherry and blackberry cobbler with caramelized crust. Rich velvet chocolate warm cake. This wine will benefit from at least one more year in bottle and will peak around 2017.

*Color:* Deep garnet almost opaque  
*Aroma:* Red roses, faint hints of oak, well done cherry pie  
*Mouth feel:* Full-bodied  
*Flavor:* Cocoa, French oak, wet dark earth  
*Finish:* Very balanced but aggressive tannins that will even out with more bottle aging  
*Vineyards:*  
  - Momtazi Vineyard - McMinnville AVA  
  - Willakia Vineyard - Eola - Amity Hills AVA  
  - Symonette Vineyard - Eola - Amity Hills AVA  
  - Youngberg Hill Vineyard - McMinnville AVA  
  - Quailhurst Vineyard - Chehalem Mountains AVA  

*Yeast Strain:* Proprietary  
*Barrel Aging:* 20 months in 100% French Oak  
*TA:* .64 g/100mL  
*pH:* 3.43  
*Alcohol level:* 13.5%  
*Bottle Date:* 4/27/11  
*Cases Produced:* 70 cases