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Wine Spirits

FEBRUARY 2012

"2008 Mt. Harlan Jensen Vineyard Pinot Noir from four blocks of hillside point noir planted in 1975. Jensen shows off vibrant minerality in 2008. It starts off with a flintlock scent, a reductive character that opens into crushedrock tannins and mouthwatering acidity as the wine takes on air. The stemminess of whole cluster fermentation contributes to its spicy, zesty grip, a rasp under the cherry-red fruit that keeps it weightless, even as the texture feels rich. This is structured to age and evolve for ten years or more. (829 cases)"

