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### SMART BUY!

*"Dense and earthy..."*

**Youngberg Hill Vineyards**  
***Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Cuvee 2012***

Deep ruby color; forward earthy, forest floor aromas with some cherry notes; deep, complex, dense earthy cherry flavors with oaky notes; some tannin; good structure and balance; long finish. Dense, earthy Pinot that needs time in the glass to open up.

**290 cases made     \$30     Score: 92**

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Here is **PinotReport's** 100-point scale:

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| <b>96-100</b> | <b>SUPERIOR;</b> it doesn't get better.  |
| <b>90-95</b>  | <b>OUTSTANDING;</b> approaching the best |
| <b>86-89</b>  | <b>ABOVE AVERAGE;</b> a good Pinot.      |
| <b>80-85</b>  | <b>AVERAGE;</b> OK if it's all you have. |
| <b>60-79</b>  | <b>BELOW AVERAGE;</b> not recommended.   |
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