



ABERRANT CELLARS

a winery dedicated to avoiding convention

Aberrant Cellars 2015 Philtrum Pinot Noir Blanc, Willamette Valley

"While we found apricot on the nose, on the palate there's mouthwatering citrus with lots of acidity. The oak is very subtle. A long steely finish leaves you longing for more."

-Gwendolyn Alley, Wine Predator | May 23, 2017

"A backbone of savory notes, unripened strawberry, raspberry. There were veins of bolder notes, perfumed spices and herbs, carefully tamed. Each sip left me intrigued and questioning. It is no wonder it was given the name Philtrum, meaning Love Potion."

-SAHMelier.wordpress.com | April 20, 2017

"...white flower, starfruit and red berry aromas; orange peel, savory notes, into a spice filled finish; decidedly non-white in character, belying the color in the bottle"

-50statesofwine.com | April 13, 2017

"This intriguing category—white wine made from red grapes—finds another winner in this new release from Aberrant Cellars. A pale copper hue, it's rich and full bodied, loaded with flavors of poached pear. Highlights of pepper and toast give way to a finish that somehow suggests Butterfinger candy. It's flat-out gorgeous from start to finish. 92 Points"

-Wine Enthusiast | April 2017

"Beautiful wine! Stunning flavor profile; body & lingering finish."

- Kim Johnson, D'Vine Wine Time | March 2017

"Vivid straw-yellow. Pungent, mineral-laced aromas of fresh fig, Meyer lemon, nectarine and jasmine, accented by an exotic hint of curry powder. Sappy and concentrated, offering intense orchard and citrus fruit flavors and a deeper suggestion of melon. Shows excellent clarity and depth and finishes spicy and long, displaying lingering florality and a touch of smoky minerals. 91 Points, 2017 - 2022"

- Joshua Raynolds, Vinous | December 2016

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"very pleasant and interesting...refreshing..."

-Tom Plant, WINEnourmous | November 17, 2016

"In the glass, this wine seemed to strike the right balance between just enough fresh aromatics and just enough heft of body to be an overall crowd pleaser."

-Cathy Huyghe, Forbes | November 2016



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Aberrant Cellars 2016 Pinot Noir, Chehalem Mountain Vineyard, Block 3B Old Vines:

“Vivid magenta. A complex, expansive bouquet evokes fresh dark berries, baking spices, cola, candied rose and musky underbrush. Blends power and delicacy with a sure hand, offering sweet black raspberry, cherry liqueur, spiced cake and black tea flavors supported by a spine of juicy acidity. The floral and spice notes drive an impressively long, well-delineated finish that features dusty tannins and a strong whiplash of sweet dark berries. - 93 Points

- Josh Reynolds, Vinous | June 2019

“92 Points, Editors’ Choice - Sourced from a vineyard planted in 1968 by Oregon pioneer Dick Erath, this complex and textural effort melds together brambly blackberry fruit with elements of spice, sassafras and mocha. The wine is nicely layered through the lingering finish. It should continue to drink well through 2025.”

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Aberrant Cellars 2015 Pinot Noir, Chehalem Mountain Vineyard, Block 3B Old Vines:

“Deep ruby. Blackberry, cherry, licorice, violet and a hint woodsmoke on the oak-accented nose. Fleshy and broad on the palate, offering intense dark berry, bitter cherry and floral pastille flavors and candied licorice, black tea and cola nuances that build in the glass. Becomes sweeter with air and finishes on a smoky oak spice note, with mounting tannins and strong, spicy persistence. - 92 Points”

- Josh Reynolds, Vinous | June 2019

“91 Points - A true old-vine bottling, this comes off the original block of a vineyard planted in 1968 by Oregon pioneer Dick Erath. It's a complex, spicy and balanced amalgam of berry, cherry and plum fruit. As is often the case, it rewards aeration and attention. The acid/tannin balance is just about perfect.”

- Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast



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Aberrant Cellars 2014 Pinot Noir, Chehalem Mountain Vineyard, Block 3B Old Vines:

GOLD MEDAL, Texsom International Wine Awards

93 Points - Editors' Choice "From the last remaining block of a vineyard planted in 1968 by Oregon pioneer Dick Erath that's yielding less than 1.5 tons per acre, this is loaded with rose petal and cherry blossom aromas. Delicate and graceful, it offers subtle raspberry, blackberry and cherry fruit. The finish is exceptional, long and complex, with hints of coffee and caramel. Give this wine your full attention and enjoy how long it lingers."

- Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast | August 7, 2017

"this wine loves fatty rich foods to really it shine. This is special wine offers rich smoky truffles along with red fruits and it cries out mushrooms, mushroom lasagna, truffle oil, beef bourgnonge. Very nice now, it promises to lay down nicely."

- Gwendolyn Alley, Wine Predator | May 23, 2017

"Dusty magenta in the glass, it's unfiltered haze adding to the mystique. Fresh roses and integrated fruit, elegant tannins and herbaceous spice. A wine that nearly defies description, nuanced and refined."

SAHMeLier.wordpress.com | April 20, 2017

"A beautiful wine with balance & structure. Perfect for a Saturday night in with the hubs and an old movie.

Cheers!"

-Kim Johnson, D'Vine Wine Time | March 2017

"(36 percent new oak) Vivid ruby. Powerful, mineral-accented aromas of cherry, raspberry, potpourri, spicecake and a hint of blood orange show excellent clarity. Sappy and precise in the mouth, offering alluringly sweet red fruit liqueur and anise flavors and an exotic rose pastille quality that builds steadily on the back half. Shows impressive energy and focus and finishes with a snap of juicy acidity and lingering raspberry and floral pastille notes. These vines were planted in 1968, making them some of the oldest in the Willamette Valley. 93 Points 2018 - 2024"

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Aberrant Cellars 2016 Confero Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley:

“Limpid red. Potent cherry and black raspberry scents are complemented by suggestions of violet, musky underbrush and cocoa powder. Chewy and tightly focused on entry and then more supple in the midpalate, offering appealingly sweet red and dark berry flavors and a touch of bitter chocolate. Finishes long and chewy, with resonating florality; subtle, steadily building tannins add framework and support.- 91 Points”

Josh Reynolds, Vinuous | June 2019

89 Points – “This young wine needs a bit more time to soften up the stiff tannins and meld its components... it has interesting flavors of black cherry, chocolate and graphite. Aging in roughly one-quarter new French oak brings up baking spices through the finish.”

Wine Enthusiast | December 2018



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91 Points, Editor's Choice – "Consistent with the 2014 Confero, this blends multiple clones from five different vineyards. Its details are sharp, framing taut red fruit with a vein of licorice before resolving into dusty tannins. It delivers excellent length, muscle and definition."

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Aberrant Cellars 2014 Confero Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley:

"Comprised of multiple clones from five different vineyards, this exceptional value includes a rich cohesive core of purple fruits, amplified with barrel flavors of toasted coconut and bright spice. Everything is beautifully focused across the full palate, and even after being open for a full 24 hours, the wine tastes fresh and delicious. Editors' Choice. 92 Points"

-Wine Enthusiast | April 2017

"(23 percent new oak) Brilliant red. Ripe raspberry, cherry, licorice and a hint of woodsmoke on the expressive nose. Fleshy, open-knit and appealingly sweet, offering juicy red and dark berry flavors that are given a spicy edge by a jolt of white pepper. Shows very good clarity and solid punch on the long, smooth finish, which features subtle tannins and repeating smokiness. 90 Points, 2017 - 2022"

- Joshua Reynolds, Vinous | December 2016

"immensely food-friendly with a variety of dishes. Deep notes of blueberry and white-peppered strawberry gets juicier as the wine continues to open up. 95 Points"

- Tasting Panel Magazine | November 2016

"Supple and expressive, with generous flavors of ripe cherry, plum and kirsch that extend into an expressive and layered finish. Has presence and depth. 90 Points, Drink now through 2022"

- Wine Spectator Magazine | October 2015



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Aberrant Cellars 2014 Amplus, Gran Moraine Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton:

“This splendid, resonant, beautifully detailed wine captures everything that is most desirable in the 2014 vintage. Blackberry and black cherry fruit, adorned with a sprinkling of Sumatra coffee beans, rocks on with polished tannins. The pleasing roasted character is just right to power it through a clean, sexy finish. Drink now and on through 2026. Cellar Selection, 94 Points”

-Wine Enthusiast | April 2017

“(40 percent new oak) Deep bright red. Smoky, mineral-laced cherry, black raspberry and rose scents take on subtle notes of vanilla and cola as the wine opens up. Sappy, seamless red and dark berry flavors show impressive depth as well as vivacity thanks to a spine of juicy acidity. The floral and spice notes drive a very long, gently tannic finish, which is given verve by a late jab of blood orange. 92 Points 2018 - 2023”

- Joshua Raynolds, Vinous | December 2016

“Taut, focused and distinctive for a strong mineral streak that runs through the generous cherry and spice flavors, finishing with precision, persistence and balance. 91 Points, Drink now through 2023.”

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Aberrant Cellars 2013 Pinot Noir Gran Moraine Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton:

“Brilliant red. Sexy, mineral-tinged red berry and cherry scents are complicated by suggestions of candied rose and potpourri and a subtle touch of vanilla. Sweet and vibrant on the palate, offering juicy raspberry and floral pastille flavors and a bracing jolt of blood orange that adds a refreshingly bitter edge. Finishes bright, racy and very long, with supple tannins and a late kick of peppery spices. 90 Points”

-Antonio Galloni, Vinous | February 2017



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Aberrant Cellars 2013 Virtus ex, Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley:

"...smoky plum and black currant aromas; dark berry, tobacco, and tart red berry flavors into an earthy acidic finish."

-50statesofwine.com | April 13, 2017

"Vivid ruby-red. Displays powerful, deeply pitched black raspberry and cherry scents, along with hints of saffras and anise. Chewy and focused on the palate, offering bitter cherry and dark berry flavors that become brighter and sweeter with air. Finishes vibrant, spicy and long, with an echoing cherry note. 91 Points"

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"pepper on the nose...soft and earthy...delicious stuff...elegant...the nose was intense and the pale color true to a good Pinot...four stars."

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Aberrant Cellars 2015 Carpe Noctem Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley:

“Brilliant ruby-red. Smoke-tinged cherry, dark berries, candied flowers and a hint of vanilla on the deeply perfumed nose. Intense black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors show impressive depth and turn sweeter on the back half. Finishes very long and chewy, with a resonating floral quality, repeating spiciness and youthfully solid tannins that avoid intruding on the wine’s juicy, lingering dark fruit. - 93 Points”

- Joshua Raynolds, Vinuous | June 2019

“Carpe Noctem - meaning “seize the night” - is an unfinned and unfiltered Pinot Noir that offers up a delicious nose of red apple and rhubarb. The deeper, sensuous notes run through the flavor profile, with tobacco, teeth gripping cherry skins, and black tea. 91”

- Tasting Panel Magazine | January/February 2018



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Aberrant Cellars 2014 Carpe Noctem Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley:

93 Points "50 percent new oak. Brilliant ruby-red. A sexy, highly perfumed bouquet evokes fresh dark berries, cherry cola and vanilla, and floral and mineral nuances build in the glass. Smooth, sweet and expansive in the mouth, offering palate-staining black raspberry, cherry liqueur and spicecake flavors that turn livelier with air. Shows outstanding power and focus on the impressively long, penetrating finish, which is given shape by velvety, well-knit tannins. 2019 - 2025"
- Joshua Reynolds, Vinous | December 2016



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Aberrant Cellars 2013 Carpe Noctem Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley:

91 Points "Deep red. Potent smoke- and mineral-laced aromas of raspberry, cherry and tea rose, with a spicy element emerging with aeration. Displays very good clarity and vivacity on the palate, offering juicy red and dark berry flavors sweetened by a hint of vanilla. Silky, penetrating and spicy on the finish, which is framed by smooth, slow-building tannins."

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2015 SIDECAR - G·FORCE:

90 Points "Cabernet Franc and 12% Pinot Noir, sourced from widely separate vineyards throughout Oregon, is a surprising success. The flavors are ripe, recalling sweet mulberry and black-berry, and the polished tannins wrap it up nicely. Drink up."

- Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast Magazine | October 2017

"This wine quickly accelerates with bursting red fruit-cranberry, raspberry, cherry. It hugs the curves with a gorgeous mouthfeel- elegant tannins, balanced acidity. It finishes like a champ-hints of white pepper, violets, rose petals. The wine is at once vibrant and restrained, hitting the push and pull."

-SAHMeLier.wordpress.com | March 21, 2018



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2016 SIDECAR - OFF THE WAGON:

"The wine showed a dark ruby color with garnet hues. Blackberry, cherry, raspberry, vanilla, loamy earth and oak all arrived on the nose. Blackberry, cherry, cassis, raspberry, mocha, vanilla and oak followed on a palate overflowing with ripe berry fruit. The wine exhibited good structure and length, along with soft tannins. This wine would do well paired with grilled lamb chops or a skirt steak with chimichurri."

- NittanyEpicurean.blogspot.com | March 6, 2019

"...wine should be about celebrating the people and culture who produced it, and even more essentially, the joy of consuming it with people you love. Which I did, last night, with a side of peppery Italian salami, Spanish cheese and lots of giggles...I tasted smoke, roasted chilis, purple berries, a hint of cherry. It was deep, delicious, rich, round, unabashedly fun. Dangerously gulpable"

- kathleenwillcox, Instagram | January 19, 2019

"90 Points - Produced and bottled by Aberrant Cellars, this Southern Oregon Bordeaux-style blend is made from 35% Carmenère, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc and 15% Malbec. Blackberry fruit, cola and light details of earth and wood are set in a well-structured, polished frame."

- Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast Magazine | December 2018



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Lük 2017 Havlin Vineyard, West Block, Chardonnay, Willamette Valley:

90 Points – “This new imprint from Aberrant Cellars is off to a good start. The barrel-fermented Chardonnay offers excellent texture and detail, with elements of clover, citrus, apple and pear, along with juicy acidity. Some 20% spent time in new French oak, adding a welcome softness and a touch of butter to the finish.”

-Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast Magazine | December 2018



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Lük 2016 Havlin Vineyard, Gamay Noir, Willamette Valley:

“The wine showed a medium-dark ruby color. Black cherry, vanilla, plum, raspberry and licorice each arrived on the nose. Black cherry, raspberry, currant, vanilla and licorice followed on a palate that was lively with berry fruit. The wine was mediumbodied and showed good length, along with soft tannins. This wine would pair well with braised chicken thighs or grilled salmon.”

- Michael Chelus, nittanyepicurean.blogspot.com | September 6, 2019

“Crafted of 100% Gamay without any carbonic maceration; rich black fruit, bold spice, smoke, and dusty earth; bigger and more earthy than a typical Gamay with grippy tannins and long acidity, perfect with a steak.”

-Michelle Williams, Forbes Magazine | May 23, 2019



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Lük 2016 Serra Vineyard Own Rooted Cabernet Sauvignon:

91 Points – “This robust and fragrant Cabernet is bolstered by 6% Malbec. It’s a potent wine that displays rich flavors of black fruits, coffee and cacao. The tannins resolve on the finish, with a drying sensation of black tea.”

-Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast Magazine | December 2018