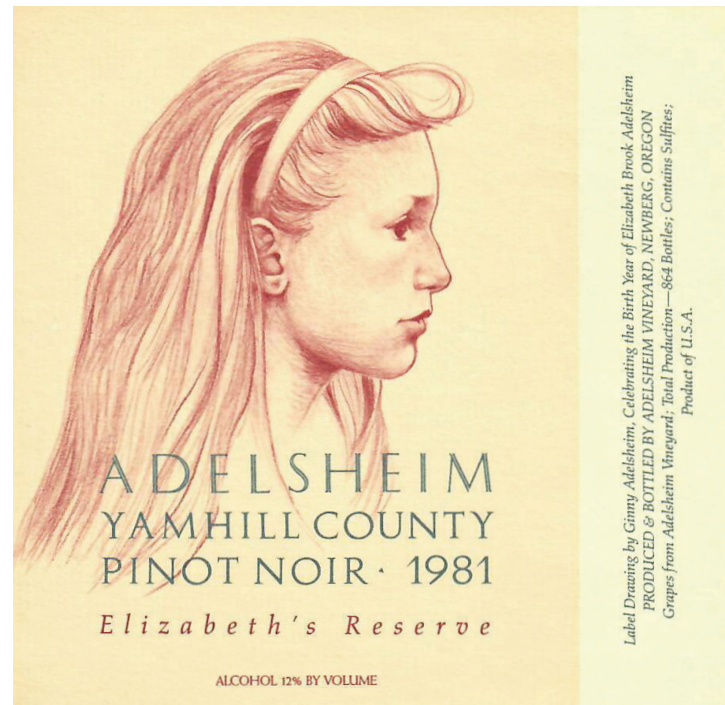


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ELIZABETH'S RESERVE PINOT NOIR, YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON

David Adelsheim is not only a pioneer, an artist, an excellent chef, and a connoisseur, he is also, above all, an optimist who dares to dream and realizes those dreams. Almost fifty years ago, at the beginning of the 1970s, he embarked on an adventure in a place yet to be discovered—the Chehalem Mountains, part of the Willamette Valley in Oregon. There he produced world-renowned wines and promoted the relationship between pinot noir and the terroir of Oregon. I was lucky enough to spend some days with David, tasting several 2015 crus and sharing old vintages like the 1981, 1990, and 2005. The perfect balance and elegance of the 1981 is unparalleled among Oregon wines. It only needs to be uncorked for one hour to open up. Bright garnet in color, it has aromas of wet leaves, dried rose petals, chanterelles, black pepper, and a touch of raspberry jelly to enhance the bouquet. It is soft, light, and refined in structure.