

# STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

Accolades - July 2014



#### 2012 ARCHERY SUMMIT ESTATE PINOT NOIR 94 POINTS

Deep, bright ruby. A sexy, explosively perfumed bouquet evokes candied dark berries, cherry liqueur, rose oil and vanilla, with smoke and mineral nuances adding complexity. Smooth and expansive on the palate, offering deeply concentrated black raspberry and cherry-cola flavors that become spicier and livelier with air. Shows outstanding clarity and power on the long, sweet finish, which features velvety tannins and echoing spiciness.



### 2012 ARCUS ESTATE PINOT NOIR 93 POINTS

Bright ruby. Explosive dark berry and cherry liqueur aromas are complicated by suggestions of Indian spices, licorice and vanilla, with a subtle mineral quality adding vibrancy. Palate-staining blackberry and lavender pastille flavors are sweetened and deepened by mocha and fruitcake notes that build with air. Shows excellent vivacity for its heft and power. Closes spice, smoky and long, with supple tannins coming in slowly.



#### 2012 RED HILLS ESTATE PINOT NOIR 93 POINTS

Deep ruby. Powerful raspberry compote, cola, licorice and floral aromas are lifted by pepper, spice and mineral nuances. Sweet, deeply pitched black raspberry and cherry liqueur flavors reach every corner of the palate, offering a compelling blend of richness and vivacity. Notes of vanilla and star anise come up with air, along with a hint of cola. Finishes very long, sappy and precise, with just a hint of velvety tannins.



#### 2012 ARCHER'S EDGE ESTATE PINOT NOIR 92 POINTS

Vivid ruby. Heady, exotic aromas of red and dark berry liqueur, allspice, sandalwood and floral pastilles, with a mineral nuance gaining strength with air. Pliant, sweet and concentrated, with plush blackberry, cherry-cola and fruitcake flavors putting on weight with air. On the decadent side but not lacking for energy, this pinot finishes with strong thrust and supple tannins that fold smoothly into the lush dark fruit.



#### 2012 LOONEY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 92 POINTS

Ruby-red. Highly aromatic nose displays smoky cherry and dark berry scents with suggestions of floral oils, Indian spices and cola. Deeply pitched, supple dark fruit flavors offer richness and vivacity, with juicy acidity adding lift. Gains weight on the youthfully tannic finish, which features cherry-cola and ripe blackberry nuances.



## 2012 RENEGADE RIDGE ESTATE PINOT NOIR 92 POINTS

Bright ruby-red. Sexy, oak-spiced aromas of red and dark berries, incense and pungent flowers. Sweet cherry-vanilla and black raspberry flavors show excellent clarity and energy thanks to bright acidity and a spicy nuance. Puts on flesh in the glass and finishes with smooth, supple tannins and lingering notes of mocha and candied dark berries. In an opulent style for the vintage but in no way heavy.



## 2012 PREMIER CUVÉE PINOT NOIR 91 POINTS

Deep ruby. Cherry-cola, blackberry, licorice and a subtle note of woodsmoke on the fragrant nose. On the palate, pliant dark berry and spicecake flavors gain sweetness and weight with air, picking up a floral nuance along the way. Closes spicy, focused and very long, with supple tannins adding shape.

