

Beaux Frères

The Upper Terrace

Vintage: 2006

Maturity: 2008-2023

Notes Written: 2007

The Upper Terrace Vineyard has a **character all its own**. Even though it is a neighbor to the Beaux Frères Vineyard, and shares both soil type and exposure, Upper Terrace is planted exclusively to Dijon clones; we believe this gives the wine a **darker fruit character**, with aromas of forest floor and spring flowers. The 2006 Upper Terrace has taken a full year to let that character shine through. Earlier in its maturation it seemed to lack differentiation from the Beaux Frères Vineyard, and certainly one of the requirements for a separate bottling is that the wine be of unique character. However, recent tastings show an **impressively deep ruby/purple color**, with boysenberry, blackberry, and black currant emerging **along with spring flowers** and a slightly restrained yet intense bouquet. This full-bodied wine is a very noble expression of Pinot Noir that tastes as if it emerged from a cooler climate than that of our Newberg, Oregon farm. Its personality is forming beautifully, and while we find the wine less exuberant and flamboyant in its youth than the Beaux Frères Vineyard, it is our belief that with a **few years of bottle age** it will round into maturity. This wine should age effortlessly for 15 or more years.