

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Coeur de Terre Vineyard with
Winemaker Scott Neal
And Katie Ghenov from Unique Wine Company
\$10 Tasting Fee

Founded in 1998, Scott and Lisa Neal's winery, Coeur de Terre Vineyard, specializes in producing handcrafted, organically farmed artisanal wines. They source most of their grapes from their estate vineyard nestled in a protective valley within the McMinnville AVA of the Willamette Valley in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range.

Scott and Lisa work sustainably with nature to create a healthy environment for their vines and their family. At Coeur de Terre, which means "heart of the earth," these special factors, along with a dedication to use only organic farming techniques contribute to the unique character expressed in their wines.

2011 Coeur de Terre Pinot Gris, McMinnville, Oregon \$19.99

This is one crazy and unusual Pinot Gris with aromas of white grapefruit, lychee, peach, peach pit and wet river stones. On the palate vibrant acidity and lightness dance on your tongue, leading to a focused minerality with flavors of sweet Oregon peaches, apricots and grapefruit rind. **-94 points from Paul Gregutt with *Wine Enthusiast!***

2011 Coeur de Terre Oregon Pinot Noir Willamette Valley,
McMinnville AVA \$21.99

A bright red color lures you in with signature Coeur de Terre earthy aromatics of dried herb followed by notes of plum, cherry, blueberry, and cranberry. The palate reveals bright fruits and layers of pie spice, cranberry, licorice and shitake mushroom while showing good structure with finely grained tannins and a round mouth feel.

2010 Coeur de Terre Estate Pinot Noir \$32.99

This wine is a classic expression of Oregon Pinot Noir. It first impresses with its intensely deep hue that's brilliant, but nearly opaque. Its nose shows Pacific NW forest floor aromas, spices and cedar cigar box along with dark cherry, coffee, and toast notes. On the palate, the wine offers velvety fruit reminiscent of dark pie cherries with spice and the estate's signature minerality and earth.

This wine is Estate grown fruit only, sourcing from Renelle's Block, Sarah Jane's Block, Abby's Block, and Tallulah's Run. The Estate bottling combines vibrant fruit from younger vines with more mature fruit from Renelle's Block for structure and balance. All CdT Vineyard blocks are farmed organically.

2009 Coeur de Terre Renelle's Block Reserve Pinot Noir

There is a rumor at the shop that we might see some of Scott's Renelle's Block Reserve Pinot Noir on Friday. This is a special wine from a single vineyard block, the oldest in the vineyard, boasting its own wonderful and unique terroir!

2010 Coeur de Terre Late Harvest Riesling \$29.99

40-year old Riesling vines in Hyland Vineyard, the oldest in the McMinnville AVA, produce vibrant wines with depth of flavors not found elsewhere in Oregon.

The honey color, depth and viscosity of this elegant late harvest wine are impressive. On the nose, there's dried apricot, apple, candied quince and honeysuckle, while on the palate, a yin and yang relationship between acidity and residual sugar creates a sweet yet crisp and fresh offering of apricot, apple and honey flavors right through its finish.