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## Oregon Pinot Noir: The Exceptional 2014s (Dec 2016), Josh Raynolds

Quebec native Isabelle Meunier studied winemaking and viticulture at the University of Dijon and in New Zealand at Lincoln University before cutting her winemaking teeth in Burgundy, under the watch of fellow French-Canadian Pascal Marchand at Domaine de la Vougeraie. Marchand recommended her to Dominique Lafon to oversee winemaking at his then-new Oregon consulting project, Evening Land, in 2007. She quickly made a name for herself there, producing red and white wines that stylistically combined the opulent fruit of Oregon with Burgundian structure and have proven to be solid cellar candidates. Now on her own and working out of the Carlton Winemakers' Studio, these 2014s mark her inaugural vintage, with some superb 2015s in the barrel and soon to be bottled. These are definitely wines to hold, although they don't lack for fruit, and ***I'm betting that Lavinea will, in short order, be widely considered among Oregon's elite producers.***

### 2014 Pinot Noir Tualatin Estate

Brilliant red. Vibrant, mineral- and spice-tinged aromas of ripe red berries, candied rose and blood orange gain an exotic twist from a hint of incense. Shows outstanding clarity and depth, offering sappy raspberry, spiced cake and floral pastille flavors underscored by a vein of juicy acidity. Finishes impressively long and sweet, delivering silky, harmonious tannins and emphatic, floral-driven persistence. This wine's blend of richness and vivacity is really compelling.

93 Points                      Drinking Window 2019 - 2026      Release Price \$65.00      Dec 2016

### 2014 Pinot Noir Lazy River Vineyard

Vivid red. A highly perfumed and complex bouquet evokes red fruit preserves, potpourri and star anise, along with a smoky mineral overtone. Palate-staining raspberry, cherry and rose pastille flavors show impressive depth, and zesty acidity and a jolt of blood orange provide lift and vivacity. The floral note builds steadily with air and carries through an impressively long, sappy finish that shows no rough edges. The marriage of power to elegance here is quite impressive.

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## **2014 Pinot Noir Saikkonen Vineyard**

Bright ruby-red. Ripe dark berries, cherry cola, peppery spices and lavender on the nose, joined by hints of licorice and mocha that emerge with aeration. Deep-pitched dark berry, bitter cherry and floral pastille flavors open up slowly and become sweeter and more lively with air. Shows wonderful clarity and lift for its heft and echoes the floral note on the persistent finish, which is framed by harmonious tannins.

92 Points                      Drinking Window 2019 - 2026    Release Price \$50.00    Dec 2016

## **2014 Pinot Noir Nysa Vineyard**

Limpid ruby. Primary, spice-accented dark berry and cherry scents pick up notes of succulent herbs and smoky minerals with aeration. Plush and expansive on the palate, offering juicy black raspberry and cherry cola flavors, along with hints of anise, cola and candied flowers. Closes very long, chewy and spicy, displaying resonating dark fruit character and chewy, late-arriving tannins.

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## **2014 Pinot Noir Elton Vineyard**

Deep red. Deep-pitched red and dark berry aromas are complicated by suggestions of smoky minerals, incense and lavender, and a subtle hint of Indian spices emerges with air. Juicy and deeply concentrated yet lithe, offering sweet black raspberry, cherry cola and floral pastille flavors and a refreshing jolt of peppery spices. The strikingly long, focused finish features resonating florality and supple tannins that fold effortlessly into the clinging, sappy fruit.

94 Points                      Drinking Window 2019 - 2026    Release Price \$75.00    Dec 2016

### **Oregon: Beyond Pinot Noir (Jan 2017), Josh Reynolds**

Owner/winemaker Isabelle Meunier was born and raised in Quebec and studied enology and viticulture in Dijon and at Lincoln University in New Zealand, followed by work at wineries in New Zealand, Ontario and Burgundy. While working with Pascal Marchand at Domaine de la Vougeraie her talent caught the attention of Dominique Lafon, who recommended her as the founding winemaker at Evening Land Vineyards in 2005. Over the next nine years Meunier's white wines garnered an enormous amount of attention and praise for their depth, intensity, complexity and balance, traits that mark the wines that she now makes under her own project. ***The 2014s are the inaugural wines for Lavinea and they already show enormous promise, based on those bottlings as well as the 2015s that I tasted from barrel in August. This is definitely a winery to follow.***

## **2014 Chardonnay Elton Vineyard**

Pale yellow-gold. A highly perfumed, complex bouquet evokes ripe citrus and orchard fruits, iodine, brioche and white flowers, and a hint of smoky lees emerges with air. Sappy and expansive on the palate, offering intense Meyer lemon, pear nectar and buttered toast flavors that pick up mineral and floral nuances on the back half. Powerful and deeply concentrated yet vibrant as well, finishing extremely long and sappy, featuring impressively persistent floral and mineral flourishes.

94 Points                      Drinking Window 2018 - 2023    Release Price \$60.00