

## **AUBICHON CELLARS**

Meticulous, hand-crafted, time-inefficient Willamette Valley winemaking by Jim Sanders since 2007. Centered around friendships and sourced only from select vineyard sites, Aubichon features distinguished small-production Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Alsatian-style Pinot Gris from all AVAs of the Willamette Valley. In a word, Aubichon wines are "artisinal" ...if there is an easy way to do something, chances are we didn't do it that way. You will benefit from the detailed quality of our labor.

We were proudly selected by Wine Spectator as one of "Eight New Names to Know", January 2015.

## 2013 Aubichon "Riverside Vineyard" Pinot Noir

Vineyards: 100% Riverside, Willamette Valley (near McMinnville AVA)

Cooperage: 3 barrels, Tight-grain French oak

Barrel Aging: 11 months, 20%new

Alcohol: 13.5%

**Production:** 70 cases (3 barrels)

About the Winemaker: Jim Sanders focuses on small-production, hand-crafted wines, learning his technique from friend and mentor Mike Etzel. He ages his Pinot for 11-18 months in top-tier French oak, primarily from the François Frères and Mercurey cooperages. Jim is co-owner and winemaker for Aubichon Cellars and select cuvees in the Willamette Valley, including the highly rated Le Cadeau "Équinoxe" and "Merci."

<u>92 Points, James Suckling:</u> Cherries, cream, and hints of stones. Medium body, round tannins and a savory finish. Fine and well-done wine for 2013. –JS